...TODAY...
KARA...N
"YOU WILL MEET YOUR DESTINED LOVER"...
...SERIOUSLY?
LOVE
FAMILY AFFIRS
OPPOSITION

Magic Tower Pass
M.T.PASS
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Hello!!
I'm Oda Aya.

My fifth 5th Flower Comic book! Yay! 5 books already? I can't get happierthan this. And it's all thanks to everyone out there who bought them! Thank you! And thanks to everyone out there who bought them, (that's enough), this "M.T.Pass" will be a 12-chapter series. Vol. 2 will be the last volume, so remember to check it out! (What am I, advertising now) So here is a notice! There will be a Oda Aya official homepage. ("official" sounds like such a big deal)
The URL is-
http://www13.u-page.so-net.ne.jp/jk3/aya-oda.o/
Check it out!
So good-bye for now...
A messy "M.T.Pass" Vol. 1,
but I hope everyone enjoys it! (v)

M.T.PASS①

IT'S DONE!
FWAP
THERE.
IT WAS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT, MAKING BOOKLETS FOR THE WHOLE CLASS
THANKS, SAYA!! YOU WERE A GREAT HELP!
I'LL GET YOU SOME-THING IN THANKS WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
I HELPED 'CAUSE I WANTED TO.

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I HAVE TO GO FOR A CLUB MEETING SEE YA!
GON
GON
OH! WAIT, WAIT!!
I DID HAVE SOME-THING TO GIVE YOU!
HERE!!
WHOA...
HE'S GOOD-LOOKING
WHO IS HE?
WHAT?! YOU DON'T KNOW?!
AKI FROM M.T. IS FAMOUS!!

Yeah!
AKI'S A FORTUNE TELLER AT M.T.!!
MAGIC TOWER ?
ISN'T THAT THE BUILDING WITH FORTUNE TELLERS AND MAGIC TRICKS AND ALL THAT?
HE'S ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS US, HE'S REALLY EASY TO TALK TO AND HIS PREDICTIONS ACTUALLY COME TRUE!!
AND BESIDES HE'S SO GOOD LOOKING!!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW AKI, YOU'RE NOT A HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL!
They sell actual photos of him at M.T. too!
WEELL... I'VE NEVER BEEN TO M.T. ANYWAY...
SLIDE

WHAT?!
THAT CLUB?!
THE FORTUNE-TELLING EXPERIMENTS CLUB..
CURSED!!
DON'T CALL IT LIKE THAT!!
I WAS THINKING ABOUT GOING WITH THE CLUB...
CLUB...? WHAT WERE YOU IN AGAIN?
BUT SHE QUIT FIRST TERM WITH EVERYONE ELSE, AND IF I QUIT, THEN THE CLUB'S GOING TO BE SCRAPPED, SO.
I GOT IN WITH A FRIEND.
BUT SAYA, HOW COULD YOU STILL BE IN THAT CLUB AND NOT KNOW ABOUT M.T.?
I THOUGHT ALL THE GIRLS IN THAT CLUB QUIT FIRST TERM..
Okay!
I'm sure that photo!!
I GUESS I SHOULD GO NOW
HA HA HA..
...THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, SAYA

PULL
Hmm...
POPULAR FORTUNE-TELLER AT M.T., HUH?
AKI... WAS IT?
THE FACT THAT HE'S "YOUNG AND GOOD LOOKING" MAKES HIM SEEM EVEN MORE FAKE
Well I don't care, it has nothing to do with me...
IS HE SOME-THING LIKE OUR CLUB LEADER, THEN ?
AND THE FACT THAT HE'S A GUY AND LIKES FORTUNE-TELLING .
Club Room
HM?
THE ROOM'S DARK...
LEADER?

ELOYE ESSAM
ELOYE ESSAM
KING OF THE DEMONS, SHOW YOURSELF!
...WHAT...
HASEKURA-SENPAI?
ARE YOU DOING...?
HM?

PULL
OH, SAYA-CHAN.
YOU'RE LATE.
YOU KNOW WE WERE RESEARCHING ABOUT CONNECTIONS BETWEEN WESTERN HOROSCOPES AND OCCULT PRACTICES?
I JUST THOUGHT IT'D BE GOOD TO EXPERIENCE SOME OCCULT STUFF FOR ONCE...
It's pretty hard, though!
SIGH
YOU KNOW, HASEKURA-SENPAI...
NO ONE'S EVER GOING TO JOIN THIS CLUB IF YOU KEEP ON DOING ALL THESE CREEPY THINGS!
WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING MORE TONED-DOWN...?
Hmm
YEAH, BUT I DO WANT TO EXPERIMENT A BIT, YOU KNOW.

I'LL CLEAN EVERYTHING UP.
YOU CAN RELAX
IT'S OKAY, SAYA-CHAN.
SHASH!
LET'S JUST CLEAN THIS UP FOR NOW...
YOU NEVER GIVE UP ON IT, DO YOU, SENPAI!!
HUH?
BUT IF WE BOTH DO IT, IT'S FAS
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
GIGGLE
...
THEN...
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
IT'D BE TOO PATHETIC TO DRAG YOU INTO THIS
AND MAKE YOU CLEAN UP ON TOP OF THAT, WOULDN'T IT?
SMILE

AUTHOR NOTES

Things on "M.T. Pass"

This column is for some sneak peeks* on M.T Pass (There's also an introduction for the characters but there were too little and I ran out of characters for each column, so...)

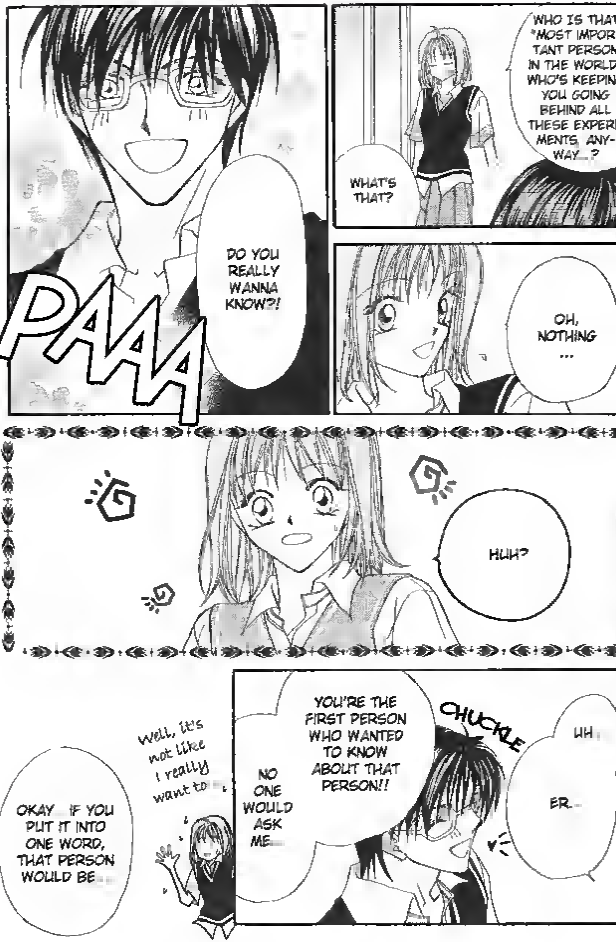
Written "M.T", pronounced Magic Tower I worried a lot over this before deciding on that. "Magic Tower" in my opinion was really cool and I liked it, but it was too long. If it was in katakana, it would be corny. So I was like "let's have the initials play the part" and that was that.

Before, "M.T" used to be a shortened word I personally used myself on the only way I can read it is "M.T", pronouncing the letters...Oh, and the setting that "M.T's fortune-tellers always tell them accurate" shouldn't be put together with real fortune tellers. I think fortune-tellers are people who give you advice on what to do ahead.

Whether they predict it right or not is a whole other story. But since M.T is a hangout place for general playing around, predicting it right is the most important thing.

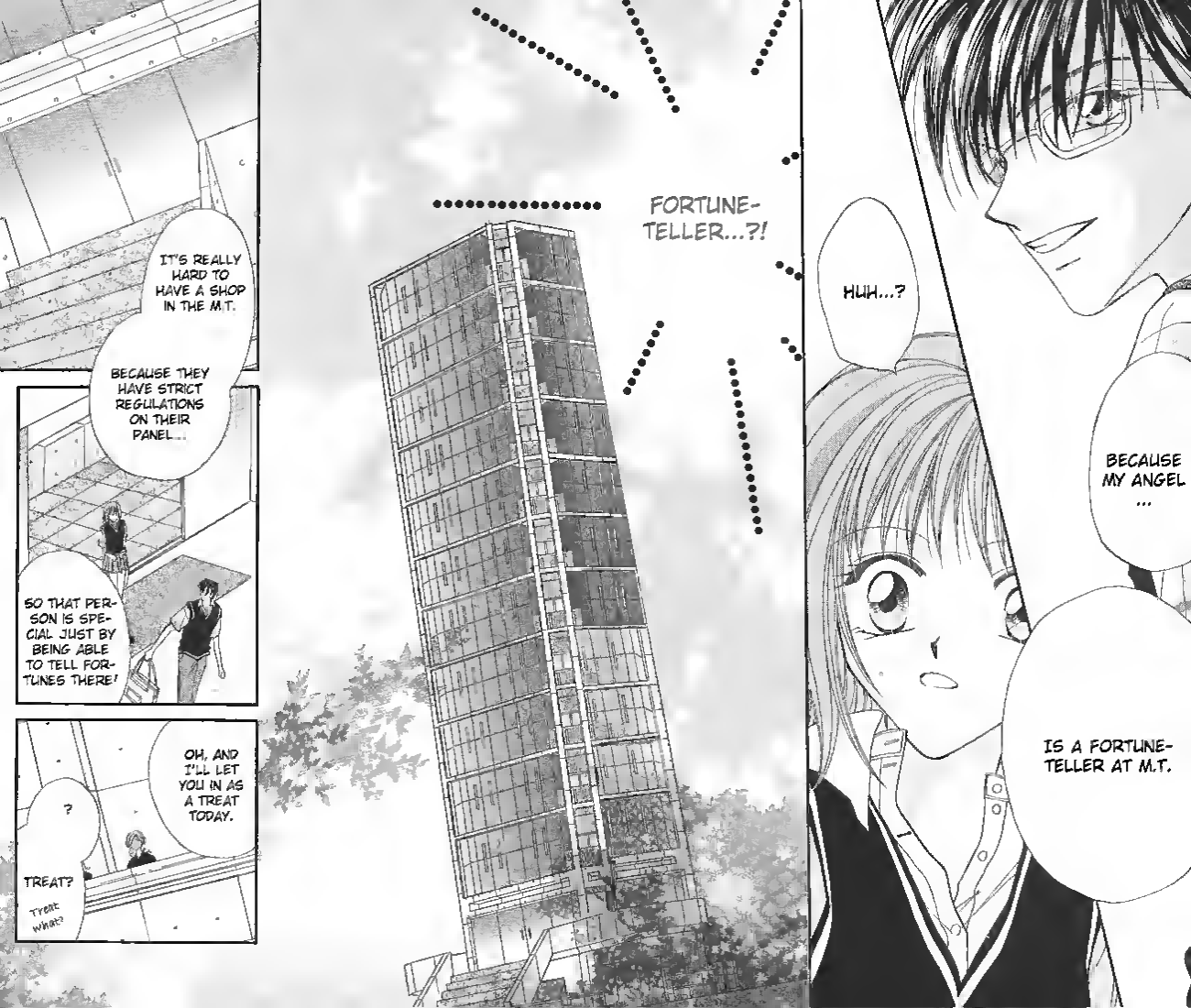
I DON'T WANT YOU TO QUIT TOO AND THE CLUB TO BE SCRAPPED!
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE CLUB MEMBER THING!
BUT HASEKURA-SENPAI...
Yeah!
THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE BEFORE FIRST TERM ENDED... I GUESS THEY CAN'T TAKE ALL THE EXPERIMENTS
It's bright
MUMBLE MUMBLE
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID TOO...
YEAH, THAT TOO, BUT...

WHAT HE SAID.
Well,
IT'S FOR THIS PERSON WHO'S MOST IMPORTANT TO ME IN THE WHOLE WORLD.
WHY I EXPERIMENT WITH FORTUNE-TELLING?
WE WERE FAMOUS FOR GIRLS WHO JOINED AIMING FOR HASEKURA AI
TO ME, HE'S "WEIRD, BUT YOU CAN'T HATE HIM"
AND TO EVERYONE, HE'S STILL "THE COOL, GOOD LOOKING GUY"
BUT HE'S NOT AS POPULAR NOW THAT PEOPLE KNOW HE'S TAKEN, GIVEN THAT COMMENT BACK THERE...
?
WHY WOULD EVERYONE QUIT BECAUSE OF THAT?
?
...HE DOESN'T GET IT.

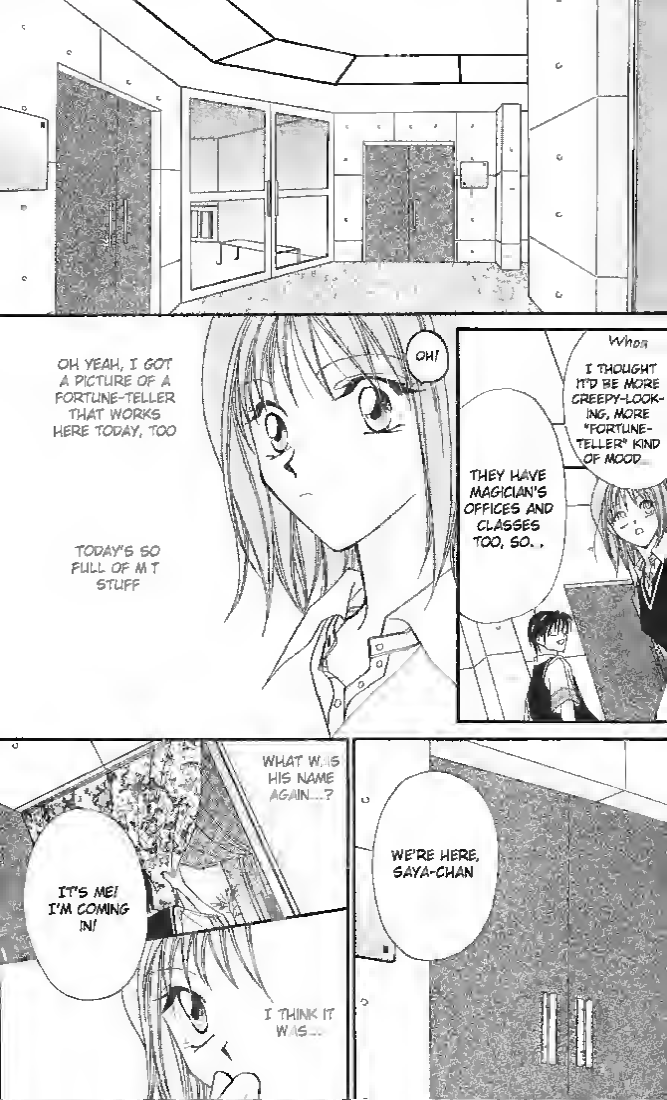

PAAA
DO YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW?!
WHAT'S THAT?
WHO IS THAT "MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE WORLD" WHO'S KEEPING YOU GOING BEHIND ALL THESE EXPERIMENTS, ANYWAY...?
OH, NOTHING ...
HUH?
OKAY IF YOU PUT IT INTO ONE WORD, THAT PERSON WOULD BE...
Well, it's not like I really want to
NO ONE WOULD ASK ME...
YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THAT PERSON!!
CHUCKLE
UH...
ER...

AN "ANGEL"
EEEEW....
Huh?
WHAT'S WRONG?
NO, IT'S NOTHING ...
I think I might barf sand...
REALLY?
OH, AND YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME...

LIKE BEFORE, WHEN I GAVE CLOTHES TO THE PERSON AS A GIFT, THEY WENT ALL RED AND SAID IT WAS OKAY.
THIS PERSON'S A REALLY GOOD KID ..
A BIT BASHFUL AND A LITTLE STUBBORN, BUT THAT'S ALSO A GOOD THING TOO...
I KNOW!!
TAP
HE SEEMS SO HAPPY
HE MUST REALLY LOVE HER
Blah
Blah
Blah
WOW
HUH?!
GRAB
I'LL TAKE YOU TO MEET THAT PERSON!!
YE... BUT... WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING CLUB STUFF RIGHT NOW...
DON'T WORRY! THIS IS PART OF THE CLUB!

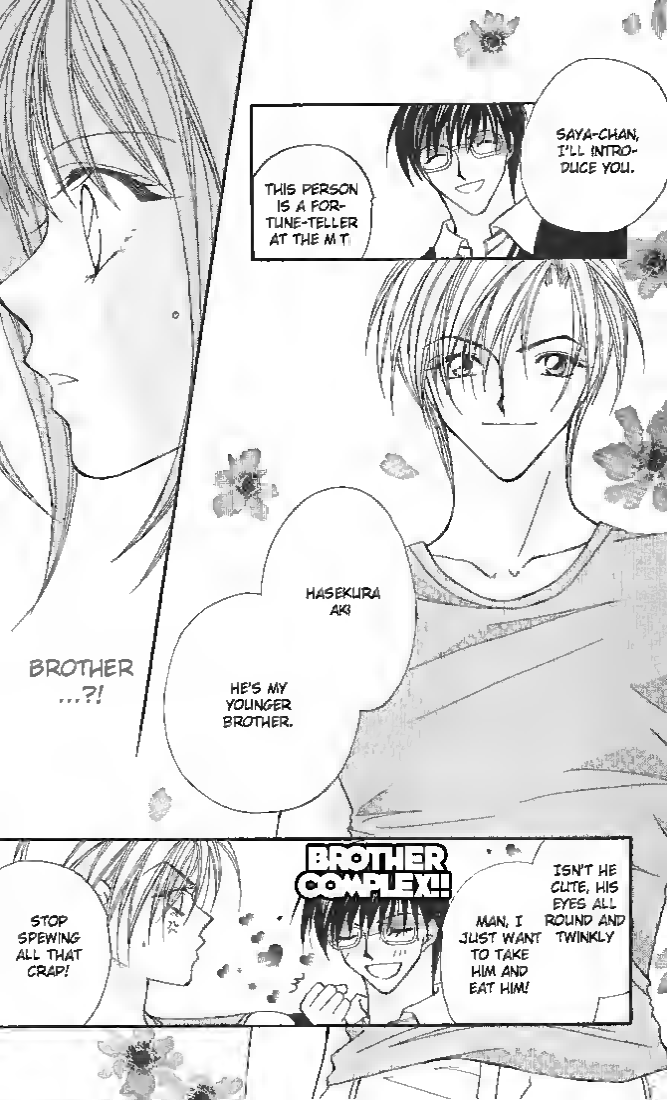

IT'S REALLY HARD TO HAVE A SHOP IN THE M.T.
BECAUSE THEY HAVE STRICT REGULATIONS ON THEIR PANEL...
SO THAT PERSON IS SPECIAL JUST BY BEING ABLE TO TELL FORTUNES THERE!
OH, AND I'LL LET YOU IN AS A TREAT TODAY.
?
TREAT?
THERE WHAT?
FORTUNE-TELLER...?!
HUH...?
BECAUSE MY ANGEL ...
IS A FORTUNE-TELLER AT M.T.

Oh
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME AT THE M.T.?
HERE, YOU BUY A PASS FOR SET AMOUNTS AT THE FRONT DESK AND YOU GET IN
IT'S LIKE A TICKET TO GET INTO A THEME PARK...
AND YOU CAN GET INTO WHATEVER SHOPS ACCORDING TO THE PRICE OF YOUR PASS
M.T.M
TODAY, YOU CAN JUST GIVE THE ANGEL THIS.
Oh
THANK YOU.
...BUT...
DO YOU PAY EVERY DAY JUST TO SEE HER?
Hahaha
YEAH... IF I DON'T, POOR THING GETS MAD!!


OH YEAH, I GOT A PICTURE OF A FORTUNE-TELLER THAT WORKS HERE TODAY, TOO
TODAY'S SO FULL OF M T STUFF
OH!
Whoa
I THOUGHT IT'D BE MORE CREEPY-LOOKING, MORE "FORTUNE-TELLER" KIND OF MOOD...
THEY HAVE MAGICIAN'S OFFICES AND CLASSES TOO, SO. .
WHAT W..S HIS NAME AGAIN...?
IT'S ME! I'M COMING IN!
I THINK IT W..S...
WE'RE HERE, SAYA-CHAN

AKI!
"AKI"

...SHE CAME...
Ai!
WHO'S THAT WITH YOU?
SAYA-CHAN? SHE'S A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE CLUB
A...
ARE YOU HASEKURA-SENPAI'S "ANGEL"?!
ANG...?
GLAAARE
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU TELL THEM AT SCHOOL..?
Ai
OH, WAIT, WE'RE GOING OFF TOPIC


SAYA-CHAN, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU.
THIS PERSON IS A FORTUNE-TELLER AT THE M T
HASEKURA AKI
HE'S MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
BROTHER ...?!
BROTHER COMPLEX!!
ISN'T HE CUTE, HIS EYES ALL ROUND AND TWINKLY
MAN, I JUST WANT TO TAKE HIM AND EAT HIM!
STOP SPEWING ALL THAT CRAP!

SO HIS "IMPORTANT PERSON"...
WAS HIS BROTHER...
NEVER MIND THAT, THOUGH...
WHAT A GOOD-LOOKING PAIR OF SIBLINGS...
SO WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
OH... UH, IT'S KONNO SAYA.
SAYA?
THAT'S A CUTE NAME.
SMILE
SO, SAYA.

GIVE ME YOURS TOO, AI.
OH, OKAY
YEAH, I KNOW
CAN I HAVE YOUR PASS?
Hahaha
YEAH, AKI LIKES MONEY A LOT.
HE LOOKS SO HAPPY...
NO I DON'T, AI!
I'M *IN LOVE* WITH IT.
THANKS
I FEEL REST-LESS WITH-OUT THEM.

WEAK!!
MONEY IS COOL
IT'S RELIABLE, AND THE WAY IT SLOWLY BUILDS UP INTO BIG MONEY IS JUST TOO BRILLIANT
THE FEEL OF THOSE BILLS IN YOUR HAND AND THE SHINE OF THOSE BRAND-NEW COINS... IT'S THE BEST!
WHOA! SO HE REALLY DOES LIKE IT...!
blah
blah
blah
blah
THIS HAPPENED BEFORE
WHEN WAS IT...?
OH YEAH
"OH, AND YOU'VE GOT TO LISTEN TO ME"

WHAT?
HUH? OH, IT'S NOTHING.
HE'S JUST LIKE HIS OLDER BROTHER
GIGGLE
OH YEAH...
This coming → from someone who said he seemed fake.
HE'S PROBABLY NOT SUCH A BAD PERSON
OH GOOD.
NO...! WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT
AKI! ARE YOU JEALOUS?
NO.
SO?
IT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S BROUGHT A GIRL HERE...
HUH?!
ARE YOU AI'S GIRLFRIEND, SAYA?
WHY?!

WHA
IT WOULDN'T BE COOL IF MY DESTINED LOVER BELONGED TO AKI ALREADY
DESTINED
LOVER...?
A... AKI?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY... L-L-LOVER?!
HMM?

I WAS SURPRISED TOO.
BUT I DIDN'T MEET ANYONE ELSE NEW TODAY
WHAT THE
IS THIS GUY SERIOUS...?!
FORTUNE ?!
MY FORTUNE SAID I'D BE MEETING MY DESTINED LOVER TODAY.
NO... BUT
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
DID YOU MEET ANYONE ELSE NEW TODAY THEN, SAYA?
WAIT...
YOU CAN'T JUST DECIDE LIKE THAT...
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME
...HMPH

IT'S NOT THAT
SIT OVER THERE
THEN I'LL TELL THE FORTUNE AGAIN, THIS TIME FOR YOU.
TMP
O...KAY...
JUST SIT FOR A SEC
GASP
WHAT THE?
I ANSWERED WITHOUT THINKING!
...BUT...

I WONDER WHY...
IT FEELS LIKE I CAN'T WORK AGAINST HIM
ALRIGHT
LET'S BEGIN.
PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND ON MINE.
WHICH IS WHAT I DID TODAY...
AND THE TOPIC WILL BE "TODAY'S FORTUNE".
WHAT I'M GONNA DO NOW IS USE THE POWER STONES TO TELL YOUR FORTUNE

CLOSE YOUR EYES
MAKE YOUR SOUL
BLANK AND WHITE
THUMP
Eek!
THINK ONLY ABOUT WHAT FORTUNE I'M TELLING---
O...OKAY
WHOA! WHOA!
IS FORTUNE-TELLING USUALLY LIKE THIS?!
SWISH

CLINK
CLINK
SMILE
SEE
IT STILL TURNS OUT LIKE THIS
TAKE A LOOK

THE AMETHYST IS NEAR THE "LOVE" AREA, RIGHT?
THIS SYMBOLIZES
LOVE
THAT YOU WILL MEET THE LOVE OF YOUR DESTINY
THAT'S THE SAME THING I GOT TODAY.
...I DON'T...
REALLY GET THIS STUFF, BUT...
JUST BECAUSE THE FORTUNE SAYS SO, IT CAN'T REALLY MEAN.
WHY?

LET'S MAKE IT TRUE
THUMP...
.....
OH...
IT'S THE SAME FEELING I GOT BEFORE...
IT FEELS LIKE I MIGHT SAY "YES"...
... I... CAN'T...!

I JUST MET YOU!
AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW EACH OTHER WELL ..
STARE
WE COULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER LATER.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU MIND BEING WITH ME, DO YOU?
AND I LIKE YOU, SAYA.
BUT ..
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IF FORTUNES COME TRUE OR N..
IT WILL
FLUMP

TO BE CONTINUED...
I KNOW THE REASON WHY I CAN'T WORK AGAINST HIM
MY FORTUNES
...ALWAYS COME TRUE
...
AKI-KUN...
"AKI"'S FINE.
IT'S BECAUSE HE SAYS EVERYTHING SO CONFIDENTLY
LIKE IT'S A NORMAL THING

BECAUSE WE'RE...
DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER.
SO CERTAIN HE MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE IT COME TRUE ...

Book-signing Report

August 6, 2000 There was a book-signing! This was part of an event called the Summer Festival (for the magazine) and I took part in it. Thank you, everyone— I was so nervous, I was dying. (lol) 'Cause well, the auditorium was huge, and it was on top of a stage, and there were a lot of people there (because it IS an event), and I was just in this I-can't-take-anymore-forgive-me state. (lol) I was releasing all this end-of-the-world aura while waiting for my turn backstage. (sweatdrop) But what made me happy most of all was the fact that people actually came to pick up stuff with my signature, which still looks like I just printed my name; from so early in the morning! (For people like me, 9:30 is early.) Thank you so much!!

This book-signing was full of stuff, actually. There was the signing, of course, but there were a lot of goods that were made for the event and sold, and I was really overwhelmed by that... or seeing, for the first time, people buying my comics from the comics corner and feeling touched... Or wandering everywhere by myself and finally having to be led away by the organizers of the event... (I'm sorry for causing so much trouble! (sweatdrops)) Everything was really new to me.

The hall was in Oosaka, and I was like "I haven't been here since my school trip!" ... but because we had to move around, go to the event and have a meeting in the hotel (cries) and whatnot, the time I had to breathe fresh Oosaka air was less than 1 hour. That was too bad. But, on the night of the 5th, I saw fireworks from my hotel window, and that was pretty lucky of me. So with the signing safely over and on the way home on the shinkansen (bullet train), we had to stay stopped for nearly an hour because of a blackout. It was full of memories right until the end.

I think signings are really full of happy things. I was happy.

Chapter 5 cover → pic. Monotones were my trend. More like a black magician than a fortune-teller.

Chapter 6 cover. It was around Hallowe'en so I re-used one of the characters from a series I wrote a long time ago. ←

Good-Bye Talk

This talk space is over for this time... I'm sorry it's always so hard to read! (sweatdrops) Starting vol. 2, I will... actually... I dunno. Well, it's becoming more of a thank-you talk rather than a goodbye-talk but... assistants S-san, S-san, and S-san (They're all S-sans!!) I always appreciate your help. My manager Y-san, I'm always in debt of. I'm sorry for being such a droopy writer... Friends that I ought to love, I love you all (v) And for everyone who is reading this, thank you from the bottom of my heart (v)

So! This is it for now. Wishing to see you in vol. 2 as well. (v)

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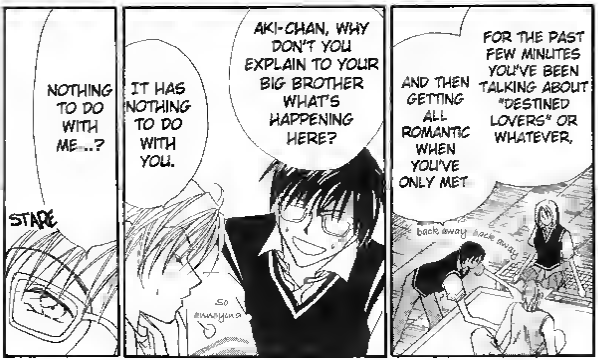
紗弥は「占い研究部」の部員。部員は支倉先輩と紗弥の２人だけです。というのも、先輩目あてで入部した女子生徒が、先輩に彼女がいると思ってみ～んなやめちゃったから★　ところが、先輩の最愛の人・アキは、彼女ではなく弟。「M.T.」の大人気占い師です。このアキが紗弥を運命の恋人だと…!?

HASEKURA AKI.
HASEKURA-SENPAI'S YOUNGER BROTHER AND A FORTUNE-TELLER AT MT.
THIS PERSON
IS MY
"DESTINED LOVER"?!


NOTHING TO DO WITH ME...?
STARE
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
AKI-CHAN, WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN TO YOUR BIG BROTHER WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
So annoying
AND THEN GETTING ALL ROMANTIC WHEN YOU'VE ONLY MET
FOR THE PAST FEW MINUTES YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT "DESTINED LOVERS" OR WHATEVER.
back away
back away

I was doing a lot of presents for the readers at the time that the issues for chapter 1 and 2 were out and there were many kinds of them too. Telephone cards, cushions and decorated china were what I was doing. And in chapter 1 there was a New Series Celebration present and it was very very gorgeous.

The Series Celebration present was, I think, a "chapter cover made into a telephone card"... a first for me. Before it was supposed to go on something else but after I drew it with no size requirements it turned out it was too big or too small for the real thing, so out of time they turned it into a telephone card. (lol) I wonder if I can paste the legendary drawing anywhere in here.

YOU'RE MY SWEET, BELOVED LITTLE BROTHER!!
OF COURSE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME!!
IS THIS A CURSE?! WAS TODAY'S MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE OUT OF WHACK?! HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN-
NOW IT SEEMS LIKE I BROUGHT ALONG ALL THE MISERY!!
HEY! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY ..
AND SINCE THAT'S THE CASE!!
IT'S UP TO ME, YOUR BROTHER, TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE HAPPY!!
SHUT UP ALREADY.

DON'T BLAME IT ON SAYA.
I WAS JUST CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR HAPPINESS
But
THEN ARE YOU SAYING SAYA'S THE KIND OF GIRL TO MAKE ME UNHAPPY?!
WELL ...
...

...
I GUESS NOT...?
THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM!
UM... AKI-KUN?
CLATTER
HM?
OH, SAYA. DON'T MIND ANYTHING AI SAYS.
NOT THAT, UH...
THANKS FOR STICKING UP FOR ME, BUT YOU AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING...
AND FOLLOWING THE "DESTINED LOVER" THING JUST BECAUSE OF A FORTUNE...

BUT...
I WASN'T SO SURE AT FIRST EITHER...
BUT WHEN I MET YOU, SAYA, I KNEW.
THAT YOU'D BE THE ONE FOR ME
MY FORTUNES ALWAYS COME TRUE.
I BELIEVE IN MYSELF.
SO I'LL BELIEVE MY DESTINY WITH YOU TOO, SAYA.

THUMP
WHOA.
I MIGHT ACTUALLY BELIEVE...
I CAN'T.
WHAT HE'S SAYING WITHOUT THINKING
THINK ABOUT IT...
THINK HARD
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS.
I CAN'T GO OUT WITH HIM.
GASP!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
COULD I REALLY TRUST SOMEONE WHO'S TRIED TO KISS ME ON FIRST MEETING?!
PUSH
...I GOTTA GO NOW!!
PAT PAT
ALRIGHT. SEE YOU TOMORROW.
EHH
TOMOR-ROW..?
YEP, TOMORROW.
YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO COME

I'LL BE WAITING.
I'M NEVER COMING AGAIN!!
WELL YEAH, AKI-KUN'S GOOD-LOOKING
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE CONTROLLED!!
AND HE DOESN'T SEEM SO BAD
Fortune-telling Club

STARTING TODAY, THE FORTUNE-TELLING CLUB...
WILL BE FORTUNE-TELLER AKI'S ASSISTANTS!!
WHA...
WORKING UNDER A REAL-LIFE FORTUNE-TELLER IS THE BEST EXPERIENCE, AFTER ALL!
NO!!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT GUY ANYMORE!!
WHY?

GRAB
HUH...
DO YOU HATE AKI THAT MUCH?
HASEKURA-SENPAI...?
NOT AN ANGEL, GOD-DAMNIT!!
BUT SORRY, I...
WELL... HE MIGHT BE YOUR "ANGEL", SENPAI,
HUH?
OH, UH... NOTHING...
S-SO...
I'M NOT GOING, NO MATTER WHAT!!
OPEN
W...
HEY!

SAYA!
GRAB
WHAT?
MUTTER
Who's that girl?
MUTTER
WHA ..
SENPAI?!
LEAN
HE HE HE
?!
SEN...

HE HE HE HE
REALIZE IT ALREADY.
MUTTER MUTTER
IF THEY FIND OUT, ALL MY EFFORTS TO DISGUISE AS A WILL GO TO WASTE!!
SHHH!
A...!!
WH— WHY'RE YOU HERE...
THAT'S OBVIOUS.
BUT THE FACT THAT NO ONE NOTICED ME WITH THIS IS KIND OF IRRITATING...
THIS SCHOOL HAS TOO MANY CUSTOMERS OF MINE, IT'S HARD TO GET IN
Black hair spirit
Love voice
Unfit in taken from A

I CAME TO PICK YOU UP.
SO YOU COULD COME SEE ME.
...THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE...
IT'S OKAY, IT WAS TO SEE YOU.
SO, COME TO THE MT WITH ME TODAY.
WHA .. LIKE I SAID ..
I WON'T LET YOU GO UNTIL YOU COME.
HUG!!
MURMUR
MURMUR
AHHH!!
I...
I GET IT!! I'LL COME!! LET ME GO!!

ALRIGHT!!
WELL, I'LL GO AHEAD AND GET RID OF ALL THE OTHER CUSTOMERS
SO YOU BETTER COME!
...
BATA
BATA
BATA

... I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT...
TO COME PICK-ME UP.
WHO KNEW
HE'D BE SO HAPPY
...
GRUMBLE
IN THE WAY. .
..NEV-ERMIND, AS LONG AS SAYA'S HERE TOO.
HUH? WHAT'S IN THE WAY?
SO LEAVE US ALONE, PLEASE
NO!!

SAYA-CHAN'S NOT A BAD KID.
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF ACCIDENTS COULD HAPPEN WITH A GUY AND A GIRL YOUR AGE!!
DON'T YOU WANT TO BE ANY HELP?
AS FOR ME, I'D RATHER YOU TELL THE FORTUNE WRONG,
QUIT THE MT AND GO TO HIGH SCHOOL LIKE A REGULAR KID!
DO YOU HAVE TO QUIT THE MT IF YOU TELL A FORTUNE WRONG?
IT'S A RULE FOR ALL MT FORTUNE-TELLERS.
COME ON, AKI. LET'S QUIT AND HAVE A NICE HIGH-SCHOOL LIFE
I'M NOT GOING TO SCHOOL, IT COSTS ME MONEY!
SO HE DOESN'T LIKE SPEND-ING IT, EITHER...
BUT DO HIS PARENTS LET HIM DO THAT JUST BECAUSE ...?

HE HE
LOOKS LIKE YOU WANT TO ASK ME SOMETHING.
HUH...? UM...
STEP
STEP
GO AHEAD, ASK ME.
AS LONG AS YOU'LL TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF TOO.
LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER MORE.
BASH
...
A-KI-TELL MY FORTUNE!!
OH, DID YOU ALREADY HAVE A CUSTOMER? SORRY!
...

Kano Saya

The main character.
Born May 3.
16 years old.
Blood Type A.

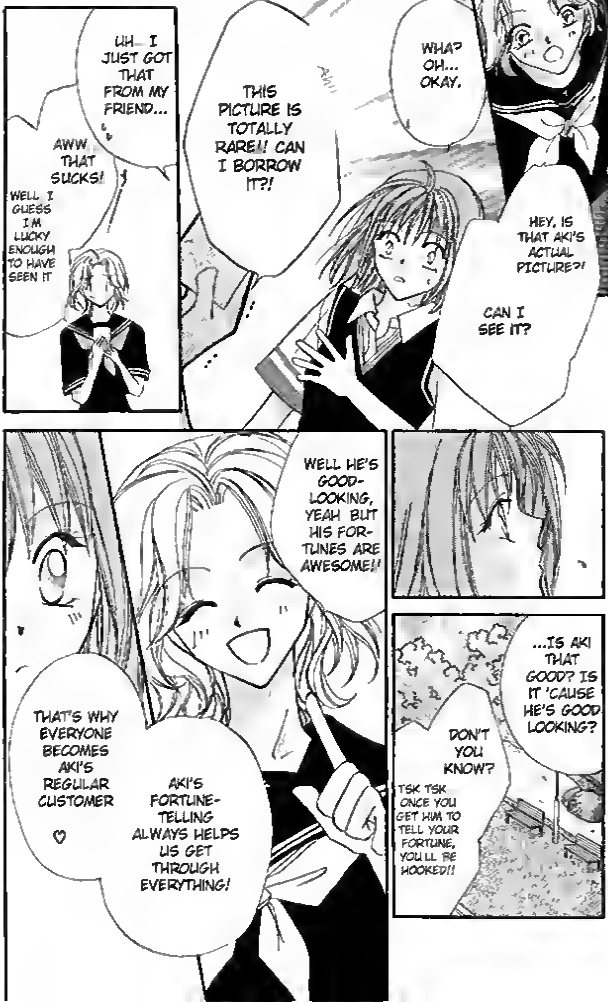
How should I say this... she's a main character that doesn't have much impact. I'm sorry...

When I was designing her character, I had a hard time choosing her name. I had Aki and Ai from the beginning. (By the way, their last names came from a very important person from Miyagi Prefecture called Hanekura Tsunenaga. The name looked nice down on paper)

But in Saya's case, I couldn't think of one that was just right. I was seriously starting to worry when the actress Yamaguchi Sayaka-chan came on TV. (lol) (I like her, she's cute and funny) "But just like that, it's cute but it doesn't suit her. I know, Saya sounds like a good name!" And that was how her name came to be. Thank you, Yamaguchi Sayaka-chan!!

--A comment in one of my letters.
"She's a good person."
Good person... that is a compliment to me. What a weird word.

IF HE TELLS ONE FORTUNE WRONG, THEN HE'S FIRED...
SOUNDS PRETTY HARSH.
EVEN THOUGH HE SAYS "IT'LL COME TRUE" SO CERTAINLY
THE REASON WHY HE'S SO HUNG UP ABOUT ME...
THEN...
COULD IT BE TO CONTINUE HIS FORTUNE-TELLING JOB?
N-NOT THAT I CARE ABOUT SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
GASP!


UH... I JUST GOT THAT FROM MY FRIEND...
AWW THAT SUCKS!
WELL I GUESS I'M LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE SEEN IT
THIS PICTURE IS TOTALLY RARE!! CAN I BORROW IT?!
WHA? OH... OKAY.
HEY, IS THAT AKI'S ACTUAL PICTURE?!
CAN I SEE IT?
WELL HE'S GOOD-LOOKING, YEAH BUT HIS FORTUNES ARE AWESOME!!
...IS AKI THAT GOOD? IS IT 'CAUSE HE'S GOOD LOOKING?
DON'T YOU KNOW?
TSK TSK ONCE YOU GET HIM TO TELL YOUR FORTUNE, YOU'LL BE HOOKED!!
AKI'S FORTUNE-TELLING ALWAYS HELPS US GET THROUGH EVERYTHING!
THAT'S WHY EVERYONE BECOMES AKI'S REGULAR CUSTOMER ♡

AKI-KUN MUST BE REALLY LIKED.
... SHE SEEMS SO HAPPY...
IF MY "DESTINED LOVER" FORTUNE ENDS UP WRONG..
AND AKI-KUN HAS TO QUIT THE MT.
SO... IF THE FORTUNE COMES TRUE, YOU WON'T GET FIRED, RIGHT?
WHAT?

YOU'LL BE MY GIRLFRIEND AS AN ACT.
THERE'S PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO REALLY NEED YOUR FORTUNE-TELLING...
SO IF IT'S ONLY AS AN "ACT", THEN...
OH...
SO, FOR ME AND MY CUSTOMERS ...
THUMP
THEN...
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO..
WHA JUST NOW...
HE WAS REALLY
SCARY

THUMP THUMP
AKI-KUN...?!
IF YOU CAN'T STAND IT THIS MUCH, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FOOL ANYONE
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU'LL ACT AS MY GIRLFRIEND, WEREN'T YOU?
ドン
!!
...
BUT I NEVER KNEW
IT'D BE SO...

... I DON'T WANT TO...!

NEITHER DO I.
— GEEZ, YOU MUST BE KIDDING ME...
GIVING ME ALL THIS CRAP.
TURN

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE SOMETHING?
IT'S STUPID.
I AGREED SO YOU COULD.
CRAP?
YOU'RE RIGHT. IF I GOT FIRED FROM THE MT I WOULD BE IN TROUBLE
AND THERE'LL BE UNHAPPY CUSTOMERS IF I QUIT, TOO...
BUT THAT'S BETWEEN ME AND MY CUSTOMERS.
EVEN IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENS
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT ANYTHING.

AND BESIDES, I WOULDN'T WANT TO FORCE ANYONE TO GO OUT WITH ME
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
NO... I DIDN'T MEAN...
AKI-KUN
DON'T END MY DESTINY WITH A LIE, WILL YOU
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, THEN THAT'S FINE WITH ME.
AS LONG AS THAT'S HOW YOU REALLY FEEL..

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THINGS WILL...
THERE'S NO NEED TO PRETEND TO BE MY GIRLFRIEND IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THUMP
YOU'LL DEFINITELY FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, SAYA.

AND THEN IN THE END I END UP LOOKING LIKE THIS...
AND TRYING TO GET YOU WITHOUT TOUCHING YOU WAS HARD...
"AS AN ACT". MAN, THAT JUST DESTROYED ALL MY PRIDE AS A MAN.
SWEAT
WH... WHY DOES HE SAY IT LIKE IT'S SO TRUE?!
SO I WAS PRETTY HURT BY THAT.
SIGH
OK
I'M SORRY...
IF YOU REALLY THINK SO, THEN DO ONE THING FOR ME.
TON
WHA..
STOP CALLING ME "AKI-KUN".

I CAN'T DECIDE IF THAT'S REALLY GOING TO BE AKI OR NOT...
...OKAY, AKI!
'KAY?
"MY DESTINED LOVER"
BUT IT MIGHT NOT HURT TO GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER
AKI!! ♡
I BOUGHT SOME DRINKS..
SHHF
UH-OH
BAM
CRASH
CLATTER

Good Girl or Bad Girl ?

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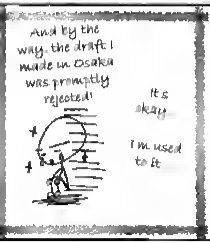
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
AKI WAS WITH YOU NAKED
AS A PART OF AKI'S PERFORMANCE TELLING YOU THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF ACCORDING TO HIS FORTUNES
THAT'S RIGHT
I CAN SEE WHY YOU'D DO THAT, BUT BEING NAKED
YOU'RE NEVER NAKED WITH ME LIKE THAT!
WHO THE HELL WOULD BE!!



3. "I'M WORKING EVEN IN OSAKA"

DURING THE MAKING OF CHAPTER 3, I WAS ALSO AT OSAKA FOR A SHORT TIME DOING A SUMMER-FESTIVAL SIGNING. I'LL WRITE ABOUT THE SIGNING ON ANOTHER PAGE, BUT RATHER THE WORK FOR CHAPTER 3 THAT HAPPENED TO LAND IN THE MIDDLE OF MY OSAKA TRIP CAUSED ME TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT -> WRITE THE DRAFT ON THE TRAIN -> A PROOFING SESSION AT THE HOTEL. THANKS TO ME NOT BEING ABLE TO GET IT DONE ON TIME FOR MY WORK, I USUALLY LIKE TO PLAN IT OUT BEFORE GETTING AT IT, BUT MOST OF THE TIME I CAN'T FOLLOW THEM. THEN I END UP WITH A RESULT THAT LOOKS LIKE A BUNCH OF ENDS PUT TOGETHER. AND I CONTINUE MAKING IMPOSSIBLE PLANS... I NEVER LEARN... (CRIES)

Hmff
Hmff
I'D RATHER SNATCH YOUR FLOWERS (OF VIRGINITY) WITH MY OWN BROTHERLY HANDS THAN LET SOMEONE ELSE HAVE YOU
...
HEY DON'T THINK I'D EVEN LET YOU NEAR ME...
Gloooooomy
YOU IDIOT, I'M NOT THE ONE WITH THE PROBLEM!!
YOU ARE SO CHEAP.
I CAN'T BELIEVE MY LITTLE BROTHER IS GROWING UP SO FAST!!
I HAVE MIXED FEELINGS TOO!!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT!?
SHUT UP ALREADY, YOU BROTHER-COMPLEX BASTARD!!
IN A WAY, THESE TWO ACTUALLY GET ALONG..
Bastard!
OVER YOUR LIFE MY CHASTITY IS MORE IMPORTANT!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT!? I'D DIE WITHOUT YOU, AKI!
KICK
KICK

GRAB!
MY MIND'S FULL WITH SAYA ALREADY!
AKI'
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T FORCE YOURSELF!
YEAH I DID, BUT...
I NEVER SAID I WOULDN'T TRY TO GET CLOSER TO YOU.

DON'T MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH HIM.
Taaaa
AH...
THAT
BUT, UM, THAT
EH? WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
DOES ANYONE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER?
NO ONE'S SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT IN ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I can't do that!!
BUT HASEKURA-SENPAI, HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING AKI A SECRET FROM EVERYONE AT SCHOOL?
Sigh
HUH...
IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE SOMEONE KNEW ABOUT HIM.
WELL....
HE'S BEEN LIVING SEPARATELY AWAY FROM US UNTIL LAST YEAR.

HUH?
ANYWAY, SINCE WHEN HAS IT BEEN GOOD FOR YOU TO CALL AKI BY HIS FIRST NAME, SAYA-CHAN?
TEN YEARS...
AH, NO, IT'S ALL GOOD.
YOU SHOULD CALL AI BY HIS FIRST NAME, TOO.
"HASEKURA" WOULD MEAN YOU'RE REFERRING TO ME TOO, AFTER ALL.
SOMEHOW IT FEELS LIKE...
SO IT'S 'AI-SENPAI'
EH... AH.
THAT WAS SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T HAVE BRO-UGHT UP

Clack
Clack
Clack
BAM
OW...
THAT HURT, APOLOGIZE!!
WHA..
SHE HIT ME, DIDN'T SHE JUST NOW!?
..?
I'VE SEEN HER BEFORE...
...
YOU'RE KONNO SAYA, RIGHT?

SLAP
A GOOD PEASANT SHOULD NOT TRY TO ASCEND HER RANKS!!
!?
HUGGING AI-KUN
IS NOT SOMETHING ALLOWED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!
YOU MEAN
OH---!
DOES SHE MEAN THAT THING WITH AKI YESTERDAY...!?

SENIOR KUROBE KAEDE...
BE SURE TO REMEMBER IT.
BUT HE WASN'T AI-SENPAI!
AND MOREOVER, HE WAS HUGGING ME, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!
PANIC
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY!?
OH! YOU WERE IN THE FORTUNE TELLING CLUB BEFORE!
AI-SENPAI'S NUMBER ONE FAN!
"Ai"!?
DID YOU JUST CALL AI-KUN BY HIS FIRST NAME!? HOW DISRESPECTFUL!!
gasp!
...YOU'RE NOT SAYING...
THAT YOU'RE AI-KUN'S "MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE WORLD"!?
OH, HE MEANS HIS YOUNGER BROTHER...
ARE YOU MOCKING ME!?
WHO WOULD BELIEVE SUCH A BLATANTLY FALSE EXCUSE!?
SCR
GECH

THAT IS ENOUGH!! UNTIL YOU SAY YOU HAVE DETACHED YOURSELF FROM HIM.
YOU AND I ARE ENEMIES!
UM-
YOU HAD BETTER BE PREPARED!!
WAIT-
LISTEN TO WHAT I...
HEY...
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...
WHAT DID I EVER DO TO DESERVE THIS!?
WHAT'S THAT!!
WHAT'S THIS!!
DIE BITCH BREAK UP WITH HIM
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING??

Fortune-telling Club
WHAT A TIRING DAY...
HELLO.
SENPAI ?
HUH? OH!
YOU'RE HERE, SAYA-CHAN
Oh! I KNOW!
IF I COULD GET SENPAI TO REASSURE KUROBE-SAN ABOUT AK! AND I..
Click!
UM, SENPAI...
...HEY, SAYA-CHAN.

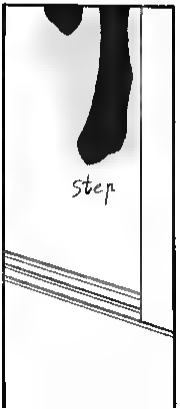
I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY THAT WE LIVED APART FOR 10 YEARS, RIGHT?
WHAT...?
I GUESS PRETENDING TO HAVE A BROTHER-COMPLEX WON'T FILL THOSE 10 YEARS THAT WE LOST...
I WONDER IF I'M REALLY A BROTHER TO AKI
MAYBE I'M JUST TIRED TODAY.
CAN YOU PRETEND I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?
IT'S OKAY, SENPAI.
HE...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN PAIN...
AI-SENPAI...?
SORRY.
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN AWKWARD TO HEAR.
OH

AKI PROBABLY THINKS SO TOO!!
YOU'RE BRO-THERS, AREN'T YOU?
YOU TWO ARE SO CLOSE!
Snap
SENPAI...!?
Twish

Let go
OH
SORRY, I JUST
N-N-N-N-NO PROBLEM!?
OH Y-YEAH, I WON'T BE GOING TO THE MT TODAY PLEASE ENJOY YOUR TIME TOGETHER
W-WELL THEN I'LL BE G-GOING!
mumble
THAT WASN'T GOOD.
!
WHOAAAH
THAT WAS RANDOM!!
I WAS SO SURPRISED I FORGOT TO TELL HIM ABOUT KUROBE-SAN!!
I'M SO STUPID!!
...BUT...

IT'S OKAY!
IT'LL PROBABLY SETTLE DOWN BY TOMORROW!
Crash!
HIS MIND MUST BE FULL OF AKI RIGHT NOW.
THEN
I'LL HANDLE THIS ONE MYSELF
AI-SENPAI'S ACTUALLY REALLY WORRIED ABOUT AKI
PRETENDING TO HAVE A BROTHER COMPLEX"?
WAS HE DOING ALL THAT ON PURPOSE THEN?

MURMUR
MORNING.

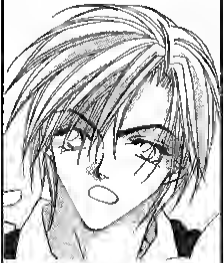

step

...IT'S GOTTEN WORSE
Just a few more steps and I would've died

AND THERE GOES MY INDOOR SHOES...

splash
THIS IS GETTING KIND OF HARD
clang
clatter
I DON'T WANNA GET BLAMED FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO...
BUT I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED
...BUT...
!!
DO YOU FEEL LIKE DISTANCING YOURSELF NOW?
KUROBE-SAN—
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HUG AI-KUN LIKE THAT
LIKE I SAID, I NEVER...
FUCK

HASEKURA AKI



A FORTUNE-TELLER AT MAGIC TOWER
BIRTHDAY - JANUARY 15
15 YEARS OLD
BLOOD TYPE - O

FORTUNE-TELLER... AFTER MANY OF YOU READ THIS, YOU SEEMED TO HAVE THOUGHT THAT "FORTUNE-TELLER = SOMEONE WHO LIKES FORTUNE-TELLING". FUTUTU... BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO INCLUDE IN THE MAIN STORY WHY AKI BECAME A FORTUNE-TELLER. EVEN THOUGH IN THE FIRST CHAPTER HE WAS ALL ABOUT MONEY. (I LIKE LINKING MONEY WITH THINGS.) BUT, SON, THAT'S NOT ALL THERE IS. PLEASE GROW UP BY LEARNING ABOUT SAYA AND AI'S PROBLEMS. BECAUSE AFTER ALL, YOU ARE STILL 15, AND IN THE MIDDLE OF GROWING UP. (LAUGHS)

AND ALSO, AKI'S BEAUTY MARK. I ALWAYS KEEP FORGETTING TO DRAW IT IN. BUT WHAT'S STRANGE NOW IS, HE NOW LOOKS TOTALLY LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON IF I DON'T DRAW ONE IN THE POWER OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE BEAUTY MARK...

"IF HE TURNS OUT TO BE A FORTUNE-TELLING FREAK, I'LL FORGIVE HIM BECAUSE HE'S AKI." AIYA~ WHAT A RELIEF

"HE'S A FORTUNE-TELLER, BUT HE DRESSES CHO-OVERYCASUAL." SHOULD I DRESS HIM CHO-FORTUNE-TELLER?

AYA

YOU DIDN'T COME TO MT YESTERDAY SO I CAME TO PICK YOU UP.
AKI...?
...BUT LOOKING FLASHY TODAY
YO.
.....
COME TO OUR PLACE, THEN. IT'S NEARBY
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD LIKE THAT
NO, IT'S OKAY
I'M ALRIGHT, I'M NOT THAT WET
YOU KNOW ... IF YOU'RE SEEN WITH ME, YOU'LL DRAW ATTENTION TO YOURSELF...
SORRY. SEE YOU, THEN

...THEN IF I'M...
GURGLE
LIKE THIS, THEN I CAN STAY WITH YOU?
HURRY, WE'RE GOING!

HE DIDN'T EVEN ASK WHAT WAS GOING ON
GEEZ...
AKI'S CRAZY!!
THANK YOU
DO YOU LIVE ALONE?

WORRIED THAT I'LL ATTACK YOU?
N-NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT
AI AND I LIVE HERE. BEFORE, IT WAS JUST AI
I PREFERRED BEING ALONE BUT AI KEPT NAGGING
THEN... HOW ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?
...OLD MAN WAS AWAY FOR WORK, AND MOM HAD BEEN DEAD SINCE I WAS FIVE.
SO I WAS LIVING WITH MY GRANDFATHER ON MY MOM'S SIDE
GRAMPS WAS AGAINST THE OLD MAN AND MY MOM GETTING MARRIED
SO FOR 10 YEARS, RIGHT UNTIL HE DIED LAST YEAR, HE'D NEVER SEEN AI OR MY DAD.
THEY LIVED APART FOR 10 YEARS!!
OH THEN THAT'S WHY
...DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HIM YESTERDAY?

HM ?
HE WAS UNUSUALLY QUIET YESTERDAY.
NORMALLY, HE'D HANG AROUND ME SO MUCH IT WAS JUST UNNATURAL.
UNNATURAL ?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.
HOW CAN HE BE SUCH A NORMAL BROTHER?
EVEN IF WE'RE RELATED, IF WE'VE SPENT 10 YEARS APART IT'S THE SAME THING AS NOT KNOWING EACH OTHER.
HOW CAN I SEE HIM AS FAMILY?
I THOUGHT BOTH OF THEM WERE REALLY CLOSE BROTHERS

I DIDN'T KNOW THEY FELT THAT WAY..
AKI...
DO YOU HATE AI-SENPAI?
...!
kachink
SCRAMBLE
SCRAMBLE
CLATTER
..HUH..?
AI-SENPAI...
!?
SAYA-CHAN!?
AKI!! ARE YOU HOME!?
SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED AT SCHOOL..
UHOH, IS SENPAI ANGRY..!?
I SKIPPED THE MEETING AND I'M IN HIS ROOM...

THEY'VE MISUNDERSTOOD ABOUT SAYA-CHAN AND I
PICKED ON?
KUROBE-SAN ALWAYS HAS BEEN THE TYPE TO GO TOO FAR...
HUH?
WHY
DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING ABOUT BEING PICKED ON BY KUROBE-SAN!?
A REASON WHY THEY'D MISUNDERSTAND?
ISN'T THERE
UM...
IT'S ALSO MY FAULT FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SET IT STRAIGHT!
NOTHING WORKS ON KUROBE-SAN...
AND NOW SHE THINKS I'M AI-SENPAI'S GIRLFRIEND.
SHE SAW YOU WHEN YOU CAME TO SCHOOL THE OTHER DAY DISGUISED AS AI-SENPAI, HUGGING ME
!!!
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF THIS!!
HUG...!?
DISGUISED AS ME... AKI!?
...SO IT'S MY FAULT, THEN...

I CONFESS.
I WAS JUST THERE TRYING TO TELL HER THE TRUTH
BUT THAT JUST ADDED MORE OIL TO THE FIRE ..
IDIOT.
I'M SORRY
... REALLY.
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T REALIZE SOONER, SAYA-CHAN
AI-SENPAI
THAT'S OKAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER
HM?
NOTHING
WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SAYA FIRST
...DID YOU GUYS...

FORTUNE-TELLING ISN'T MAGIC.
YOU CAN'T FIND THE ANSWER TO EVERY-THING.
I know!!
AKI, CAN'T YOU USE FORTUNE-TELLING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO!?
YOU THINK I'D KNOW, IDIOT?
UM... YOU KNOW, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT GETTING PICKED ON!
IF I BEAR WITH IT A LITTLE, I'M SURE IT'LL CALM DOWN...
THEN WHAT SHOULD WE...
MY POLICY
IS TO FINISH WHAT I'VE STARTED.
AND WHEN THE PERSON IN TROUBLE IS MY DESTINED LOVER...
DON'T BEAR WITH THAT KIND OF SHIT

I WOULDN'T BE A MAN IF I DIDN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS CLEAR THE MISUNDER-STANDING
WE WON'T EVEN NEED FORTUNE-TELLING FOR THAT
LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.

DIE
IT'S BEEN 3 DAYS NOW..
I WONDER WHAT AKI MEANT
Let's st
BEFORE WE START HOME-ROOM, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A NEW STUDENT.
COME IN AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF
murmur
murmur
murmur
A NEW STUDENT ?
DURING SUCH AN INCONVE-NIENT TIME OF THE YEAR.
WHY WOULD
step

I'M HASEKURA AKI.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.
AKI!?

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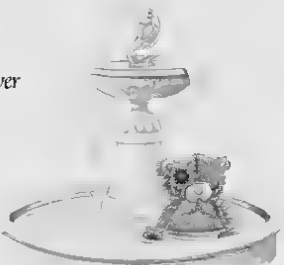

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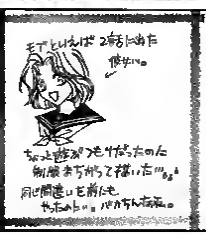
WHY IS
AKI IN MY SCHOOL!?

HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT YET!?
"AKI" IS IN THE FIRST-YEAR CLASS AT OUR SCHOOL!!
YOU'RE KIDDING!! AKI IS ONLY 16?
OMIGOD! LET'S GO SEE HIM! WHERE'S HIS CLASS!?
AKI!?
YOU MEAN THE ONE THAT WORKS AT THE MT!?
WHO ELSE!?



図「女磨アキ学校へ行くの巻」

とゆーわけで学校行きました。1度くらいは行ってみよ、的な軽い気持ちで。(実) でも学校はアレですね。人がおおいですね。1回きりのモブって実はけっこう勇気がですが。二度と出てこないと思うと、少々遊んで描けて。(っても時間ないよ。まんなこともできませんけど。) 話がまえましたが。アキの婚入。作中には出てきてませんが、実口入学です。(実) 金は切をばし汚いし、ろくでもないヒーローだ…。しかもホントはラスト運歩させる気でした。(ネタバレ) が、担当さんと、さすがにそれはちょっとかわいそうと、あの結果となりました。(笑)

HEY, AKI. TELL ME MY FORTUNE RIGHT HERE?
Just doesn't like working for free
SORRY, CAN'T DO THAT.
IT'S UNFAIR FOR THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE SCHOOL THAT COME ALL THE WAY TO MT.
SO HE CAME TO SCHOOL, AND NEXT THING YOU KNOW ...
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PRANKS
Open for business
YOU ALWAYS SAID "NOT WITH GIRLS I MEET AT WORK", RIGHT AKI?
THEN LET'S GO ON A DATE!
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE
I see...
SORRY, CAN'T DO THAT EITHER.
CLATTER
SO WE CAN GO AS CLASSMATES, CAN'T WE!?
WHAT AM I GETTING PISSED FOR!?
Gasp!!
DATE!?
EHHH!?

I'M SERIOUS ABOUT SAYA, YOU KNOW...
NOOO WAY! IF I DO THAT, I'LL LOSE HER RESPECT
WHYY? ONE DATE WON'T MEAN ANYTHING!
mutter
YOU
ARE YOU SERIOUS, AKI...?
BUT WAIT, ISN'T KONNO-SAN...
A
AKI?

ISN'T SHE GOING OUT WITH AI-SENPAI ...!?
AKI, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING --!?
SLAM
!!
I've heard unpleasant news, Konno Saya!!
That gentleman must be the rumoured "Aki"?
Ahh
AND THERE'S KUROBE-SAN...
It's already unforgivable to pursue Ai-kun
and now you're cheating on him with another guy!! Scandalous!!
Chesinga
I'M TELLING YOU, I'M NOT...
SO YOU'RE THE ONE CAUSING THE PROBLEMS...

KUROBEEEH -SAN
NOT BEEEH! KUROBE!!
HISSS
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
YOU'VE BEEN CAUSING SAYA PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF A MISUNDER-STANDING BETWEEN HER AND AI
Hey
LISTEN!
HAVE YOU GOTTEN THAT RIGHT? TRYING TO CHEAT ON AI-KUN EVEN AFTER BEING AN INFIDELITY TO PURSUE HIM. EVEN IF HEAVEN FORGIVES YOU I WILL NOT. BESIDES HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO NOT BREAK UP FOR JUST BREAK UP! ALREADY YOU TWO ARE (ETC ETC ..)
Ping
... YOU ...
IF YOU WISH TO INSULT AI-KUN, THEN I WILL NOT LET YOU OFF EASILY EITHER!!
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT AI ANYWAY?

Flick
SO YOU'D LEAVE HER ALONE IF YOU FOUND OUT SHE WASN'T "THE MOST PRECIOUS", RIGHT?
BUT TO THINK THIS SCRAWNY GIRL WAS IT!! I CANNOT LET GO EVEN IF I WANTED TO!
WHEN I HEARD AI-KUN HAD "A SINGLE MOST PRECIOUS PERSON" I WEPT AND WITHDREW
WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT HIM!? ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!
THEN I'LL MAKE IT CLEAR
PEEP PEEP PEEP
Click
HEY AI! GET OVER HERE RIGHT NOW!!
SCREE
AI-SENPAI!
THIS SHOULD DO IT
Come here, come!
thunderous
running

THUD
A----
KI---!!!
SO YOU'VE FINALLY COME TO SCHOOL! HOW ADORABLE YOU LOOK IN YOUR UNIFORM...
I ALWAYS DREAMED OF WEARING THE SAME UNIFORM TOGETHER, AKI... WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE IN PAIN
Because you tackled me, stupid!!
MURMUR
...
AI... KUN...?
WHAT... RELATION-SHIP DO YOU... WITH THIS MAN..?
HUH?
OH, UM...

AND
IT HAPPENS TO BE ME.
I TOLD YOU I'D MAKE IT CLEAR.
AKI?
THIS GUY HAS A HUMONGOUS BROTHER COMPLEX, AND HIS MOST PRECIOUS PERSON IS HIS LITTLE BROTHER.
BROTHER ... COMPLEX ..?
AI-KUN...? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT ...
SO
THERE'S NO WAY ANYTHING COULD GO ON BETWEEN SAYA AND AI!

SO HAVE WE GOTTEN THAT CLEAR?
NO ...
IF HIS "MOST PRECIOUS PERSON" IS HIS BROTHER, THEN
HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH KONNO SAYA IS EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS
I TOLD YOU, THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US
SAYA'S MINE. AS IF I'D LET ANY OTHER GUY GO FOR HER!
THEN
KI
WHY DON'T YOU KISS HER IN FRONT OF AI-KUN AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS?

IF THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN YOU AND AI-KUN, BUT SOMETHING BETWEEN YOU WOULDN'T YOU BE ABLE TO?
KUROBE-SAN! THAT'S ENOUGH...
DON'T BLABBER, AI.
IF I KISS HER, YOU'LL STOP THE BULLYING RIGHT?
WAIT— AKI!? WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!?
WH
HE ISN'T SERIOUSLY GOING TO...?
EVEN IF IT'S TO STOP ALL THIS
AKI ...!?

Jolt
...
AKI!!
...!
JUST
KIDDING.

FWUMP
IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO SHOW YOU.
BUT I DO WANT THIS TO STOP
BUT IF I CAN'T PROVE IT, THEN... YEAH...
Hmm..
BESIDES, HOW PHONY IS IT TO KISS JUST TO PROVE SOMETHING?
WOW THAT WAS
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THAT WAS FREAKY
THUMP

WHAT...!?
DO WHATEVER YOU PLEASE... OR SO I'D LIKE TO SAY,
BUT I'M NOT SO BORED AS TO WAIT FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN...
TARGET ME INSTEAD OF SAYA.
ANYONE HAVE AN EXAC-TOKNIFE?
CAN I BORROW IT FOR A SEC?
Click
I'LL DO IT MYSELF, SO LET ME OFF WITH THAT.
HM? LIKE I WAS SAYING...
WHAT ARE YOU...

WHAT ...
AKI ...!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, AKI ...!?
BUT YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS...
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
CUT MY CLOTHES? MY HAIR?
WHY DO YOU GO SO FAR?
HOW ABOUT MY FACE?
WHY, JUST FOR THIS ....

...
STO
...
GRAB
...
SAYA!?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!? LET GO!!
IT'S OKAY, AKI!! I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE PRANKS!!

THIS WOULD HURT YOU!!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT
OVER SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THIS!!
I GOT IT. JUST LET GO OF THE ...
squeak
JUST STOP IT.
THIS ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE ANYTHING.

I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE IN MY MIND
I CAN'T ANSWER TO YOU, KUROBE-SAN.
IT'S STILL ONE-SIDED, SO I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL ANYONE
BUT IT'S BETTER THAN AKI OR SAYA-CHAN GETTING HURT.
SO FROM NOW ON THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF SAYA OR TO HAVE HER PROVE ANYTHING.

SO KUROBE -SAN
I WANT YOU TO STOP MEDDLING WITH US.
IF NOT ...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL END UP DOING.

Dash

Ch!!
...

Bloody
SAYA, IS YOUR HAND ALRIGHT?
HUH?
OH!
Whoaa!! stagger
HEY, SAYA!?
SAYA!!
Nurse's Office

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Hasekura Aki

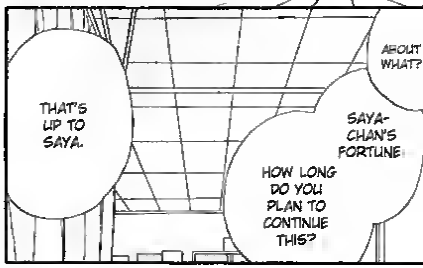
Fortune Telling Club President
Birthday January 15. 16 years old
Blood type A

Aki's main brother. Super brother complex. I have endless fun drawing him having it. *heart*
You could even say I started writing M.T Pass just so I could draw the Hasekura brothers. (That's kind of bad.) To tell you the truth, I'd rather just turn this into a story purely based on brotherly love. (I told you. That's kind of bad.) Gashiwara assistant! Go! Go!! In a way, Aki is yours!! (Laugh)

Come to think of it. Aki's glasses were something I hadn't thought of until just before releasing the first chapter. My manager suggested it to me, so I was like "might as well make him collect glasses!"
I don't know if you've noticed, but his glasses change frequently.
He doesn't really need them either, by the way.

Comments from letters
"He's so suspicious/mysterious!"
- I agree!! (Laughs)

"The guy seriously has problems."
T-try to get used to it..



IS THIS THE NURSE'S OFFICE?
YEAH. YOU FAINTED IN THE HALLWAY.
EH
OH SAYA, YOU'RE AWAKE.
Bandages? That's over board
FAINTED
OH YEAH— I REMEMBER SEEING BLOOD AND JUST FREAKING OUT—
GEEZ
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SO STUPID.

SORRY
FOR LETTING YOU GET HURT LIKE THIS
NO!
I WENT AND DID IT ON MY OWN ANYWAY!!
thump
thump
thump
That freaked me out
BUT I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE-HAND.

I FIGURED SOMEONE WOULD HAVE STOPPED ME
AND I WAS THINKING OF WHAT TO AFTER-WARDS, TOO
WHAT!?
NO, YOU SEE, THAT WAS ALL SET UP.
...?
I ACTUALLY THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD FALL FOR IT BECAUSE IT WAS SO UNREALISTIC,
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT MY PLANS KIND OF SCREWED UP.
WHA...
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS.
I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHAT TO DO IF YOU GOT HURT.

I WOULDN'T HAVE MINDED GETTING HURT, THOUGH
IF IT WAS FOR YOU, SAYA
THUMP
S-SO AI-SENPAI'S WAS A SETUP, TOO!?
YOU KNOW, ABOUT LOVING SOMEONE ELSE..
NOPE, THAT WASN'T PLANNED

NO
?
?
REALLY!? YOU REALLY HAVE SOMEONE IN MIND, SENPAI!?
COULD THE PERSON BE ...
BUT IT'S THE SAME THING AS TELLING A LIE
IT'S ONLY RECENTLY THAT I'VE BEEN WONDERING IF I LOVE THEM OR NOT
AND AFTER ALL, IT'LL PROBABLY END AS A ONE-SIDED THING
UM,
THEN
HOW ABOUT KUROBE-SAN?
THAT'S NOT TR

I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE HER ALONE
SO THAT'S THAT.
pain!
I CAN'T RESPOND TO HER FEELINGS ANYWAY...
WE'VE GOT THIS SETTLED!
OH MAN THOUGH, WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
GOING TO SCHOOL, THEN GOING TO MT. I'M MAKING NO MONEY
I'M HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU AT SCHOOL, AKI.
..HM?
BUT AT OUR SCHOOL...
NO!! I COULD BE MAKING MONEY WITH ALL THE TIME YOU MAKE ME WASTE!!
OH YEAH, AKI. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THE FORTUNE-TELLING CLUB!?

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE A JOB.
OH YEAH...
YOU'RE TOO FAMOUS AS A FORTUNE-TELLER TO DO IT IN SECRET, AKI...
—WELL THEN, I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO QUIT.
WHAT!?
ONEICHAN IS SO SURPRISED!!
YOU'RE QUITTING MT SO EASILY!?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M GONNA QUIT SCHOOL.
AFTER A TEARFUL PERSUASION ON AI-SENPAI'S PART
AKI DECIDED
ON THE CLOSEST THING TO QUITTING SCHOOL: A PROLONGED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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"EMPTY DAYS"

I WONDER HOW THESE PERIODS OF TIME WHERE I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING COME TO BE. ACTUALLY, I DO REMEMBER STUFF, BUT THEY'RE ALL PROBLEMS IN MY LIFE AND I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING OTHER THAN THEM. AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE NOTHING TO WRITE ABOUT. VERY TROUBLESOME INDEED. I WISH I WERE SMARTER.

I'M COMPLAINING TOO MUCH. I HAVE TO CHANGE MY MOOD!! SPEAKING OF CHAPTER 5... THE APPEARANCE OF SHIDO, THE OWNER! AND HE'S AN OLD MAN!! I DON'T PARTICULARLY LIKE OLD MEN, SO I'M WONDERING WHY HE APPEARS. WHY *DID* I [illegible] MANGA, I'LL MAKE SURE NOT TO PUT OLD MEN IN IT. YES.

SEE YA, KUROBEEEH -SAN
IT'S KUROBE!!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
THAT KUROBE-SAN WOULD BECOME AKI'S CUSTOMER...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHEN AKI COULD'VE TOLD HER ABOUT IT.
BUT IT'S A GOOD THING THAT KUROBE-SAN'S GOTTEN OVER IT, RIGHT?
ALWAYS LOOKING TO MAKE A PROFIT
YEP...
BUT AKI'S GOTTEN MORE CUSTOMERS SINCE GOING TO SCHOOL, SO THAT SEEMS TO BE PRETTY HARD ON ITS OWN...

AKI! HOW ABOUT YOUR CUSTOMERS?
I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT IN THE OFFICE SO I TOOK A BREAK.
YEAH, IT'S HARD ALRIGHT
ARE YOU PUTTING UP WELL WITH IT GETTING SO BUSY?
OF COURSE NOT, I'M EXHAUSTED.
BUT I DID SKIP OUT A LOT...
MY SALES FIGURES DON'T LOOK THAT GREAT
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU TOOK TIME OFF EVERY TIME I CAME, ISN'T IT?
I'M SORRY... I'LL LEAVE NOW.
HEY, WAIT.
I JUST DID IT 'CAUSE I WANTED TO, YOU KNOW

FWUMP
INSTEAD OF GOING HOME, WHY DON'T YOU
HUG ME? TAKE CARE OF ME?
W-W-W-WAIT, AKI!!
WHY DOES IT ALWAYS INVOLVE HUGGING!?
HAHA
EITHER WAY
YOU JUST BEING THERE HELPS ME, SO STAY.
THUMP

THUMP
KAY...
LOOK AT ME!!
ACTING SO WEIRD LATELY
OVERREACTING TO KI'S GESTURES...
OH YEAH, SAYA, HERE.
RUSTLE
DINGLE
PRESENT.
WHA
THE STORE OWNER GOT SOME GREAT STONES AND I BOUGHT THEM OFF HIM BEFORE HE PUT THEM OUT
SORRY FOR NOT WRAPPING IT OR ANYTHING
Power Stone

I'LL PUT IT ON FOR YOU. STAY STILL.
WHA
I-I'LL DO IT MYSEL...
NO.
I SPEND MONEY, TOO!!
HOW RUDE!
YOU!? *BOUGHT* IT!?
I HAGGLED THOUGH
PUTTING IT ON YOU IS MY FAVOURITE PART.
W-WHAT'S THIS STONE CALLED!?
THIS IS KIND OF EMBAR-RASSING-!!
"DISTRACT WITH CONVERSATION" TACTIC!!
THUMP

MOONSTONE
ITS LUSTRE CHANGES SUBTLY DEPENDING ON THE WAXING AND WANING OF THE MOON.
TACTIC FAILED!!
D-D-DON'T WHISPER IN MY EAR LIKE THAT—!!
THERE! HOW IS IT?
JINGLE
WHOA.
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL STONE.
THANK YOU, AKI.

YOU'RE WELCOME
THUMP..

ON A NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON AT TWELVE MIDNIGHT
IF YOU CAST YOUR STONE IN ITS LIGHT AND MAKE A WISH
THEY SAY IT COMES TRUE

OH YEAH, I HEARD THIS FROM THE STORE OWNER, BUT
THERE'S A SMALL SUPERSTITION ATTACHED TO THIS STONE.
SUPER-STITION?

YOU'RE TOO DOWN-TO-EARTH
THAT SOUNDS PHONY
IF IT'S JUST A TINY WISH, IT MIGHT COME TRUE THOUGH?
AKI

FOR ALL OF AKI TO BELONG TO ME ♡
THAT'S A TINY WISH!?
Not on your life, idiot!!
GIMME!
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GIVE ONIICHAN ONE?
NNOOOOOOOOO
WHY? I WANT MY TINY WISH TO COME TRUE TOO?
That's what you wanted?
WHAT'S YOUR WISH?
YELL
SHOUT
KYA—
KYA—
GIGGLE
CHUCKLE
YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELVES
WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT, SAYA?
THOUGH AKI PROBABLY WOULDN'T ADMIT IT.

DOES THIS LOOK ENJOY-ABLE TO YOU!?
I'M ENJ...
I KNEW IT.
BUT THEY LOOK LIKE IT.
AND, THAT'S WHY, WHEN I'M WITH THEM,
I FIND MYSELF HAVING FUN TOO
CLICK
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELVES.
AKI.
IS THAT GIRL YOUR 'DESTINED LOVER'?
SAYA-SAN... WAS IT?
UH...
WHO?

NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M SHIDO, THE OWNER OF M T.
I'VE HEARD YOU'VE BEEN MEETING WITH AKI HERE ALMOST EVERY DAY...
SHIDO! OUR MEETING, RIGHT!?
TELL ME INSIDE THE SHOP...
AKI, HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO AVOID IT?
TELLING HER DIRECTLY IS THE MOST SUREFIRE WAY.
SHIDO!!
WHO DOES HE MEAN BY...
UM IS THERE SOME-THING I SHOULD.
YES, SAYA-SAN. TO BE TRUTHFUL...

I'D APPRECIATE IF YOU STOPPED COMING TO THE M.T.
WHA
I WOULD LET AI GO FOR BEING WITHIN IMMEDIATE FAMILY, BUT...
I'M SAYING THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NEITHER EMPLOYEES OR CUSTOMERS COMING AND GOING FREELY FROM THE M.T IS AN UNFAVOURABLE THING.
SHIDO! STOP...
I WARNED AKI MANY TIMES BUT HE HASN'T LISTENED
YOU HAVE NO CONNECTION TO HIM, DO YOU?

SHIDO!!
HMFH
THAT IS ALL. AKI, YOU DECIDE HOW TO DEAL WITH THE REST
AND... IF YOU CONTINUE DOING AS YOU LIKE, REMEMBER THAT YOUR JOB IS AT RISK
I GUESS JUST COMING TO MEET WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
I HAD A FEELING IT WASN'T
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU HAD A WARNING ON YOU, AKI?
SAYA.
IT'S MY POLICY NOT TO HAVE A RELATION-SHIP WITH CUSTOMERS
YEAH THEN I COULD'VE JUST BOUGHT A PASS AND...

THAT'S WHY
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE YOU MY CUSTOMER
BLUSH
DOES THAT MEAN...
——...
IF YOU CONTINUE YOU'LL GET FIRED
BUT WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, AKI?
SHIDO-SAN'S NOT KIDDING ABOUT THIS.
I KNOW THAT!
FIRED ?
ALL BECAUSE OF ME !?

I JUST...
THAT CAN'T HAPPEN...!!
I JUST HAVE TO STOP COMING TO M T., RIGHT!?
WAIT A MINUTE...
AND COME ON
IT'S NOT LIKE I COME HERE FOR ANY REASON.
COME TO THINK OF IT
WHY WAS I COMING HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE...
RIGHT!? THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO DO!

AKI..?
I GET IT.
NO.
REASON..
LIM.. AKI..? SOME-THING WRONG..
ALRIGHT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME
IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU, SAYA
NO

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
*SHOCK
WHAT?
I HAVE WORK NOW
SO GO HOME WHENEVER
WHAT WAS THAT EXPRESSION?
WHY

FORTUNE TELLING CLUB
占い研究部
DAZED
...CHAN
SAYA-CHAN!
HUH!?
WHAT? AKI...
GASP
OOPS...
THINKING ABOUT AKI?
DOES MY HEART HURT SO MUCH?

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UPPERCLASSMAN AT SCHOOL

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I WANTED TO MAKE HER A MORE EXCITING CHARACTER... (COMPLAINING FIRST THING) SHE WAS SPITTING FIRE AND EVERYTHING INSIDE, BUT SINCE THIS IS A SHOUJO MANGA, THERE ARE LIMITATIONS TO HOW MUCH SHE CAN SHOW

or else it'd turn into a gag manga But she was a much more impactful character than the main character, wasn't she? (laughs) Her waves were really fun to draw

SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH AI MORE LIKE A FAN. MAYBE IF SHE KNEW AI HAD SUCH A COMPLEX FOR HIS BROTHER, I'M SURE SHE WOULDN'T HAVE CHASED HIM ... AND SHE'S SURPRISINGLY (?) NORMAL IN HER PREFERENCE. PLEASE BE HAPPY!

OPINIONS FROM FANMAIL
"I HATE HER!"
"SHE'S SUCH A BULLY, IT PISSES ME OFF."

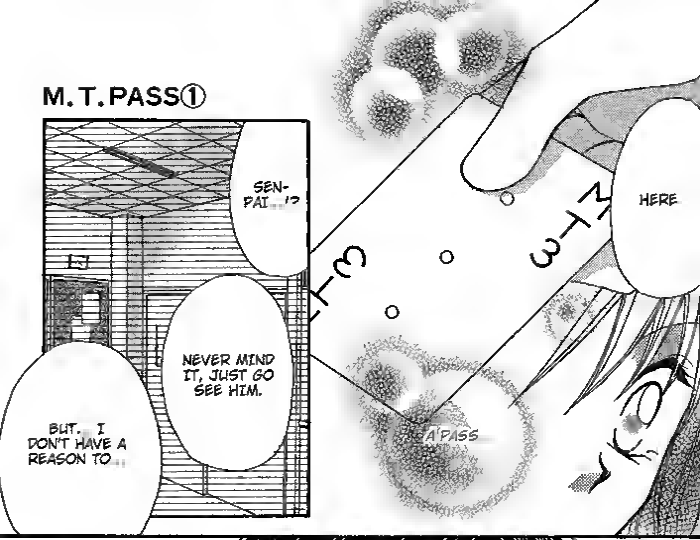
I KNEW IT.

CHUCKLE
N-NO!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT.
BESIDES, DIDN'T YOU WANT TO TELL ME SOMETHING?
I CAN TELL, YOU'VE BEEN DAZED EVERY DAY SINCE THEN.

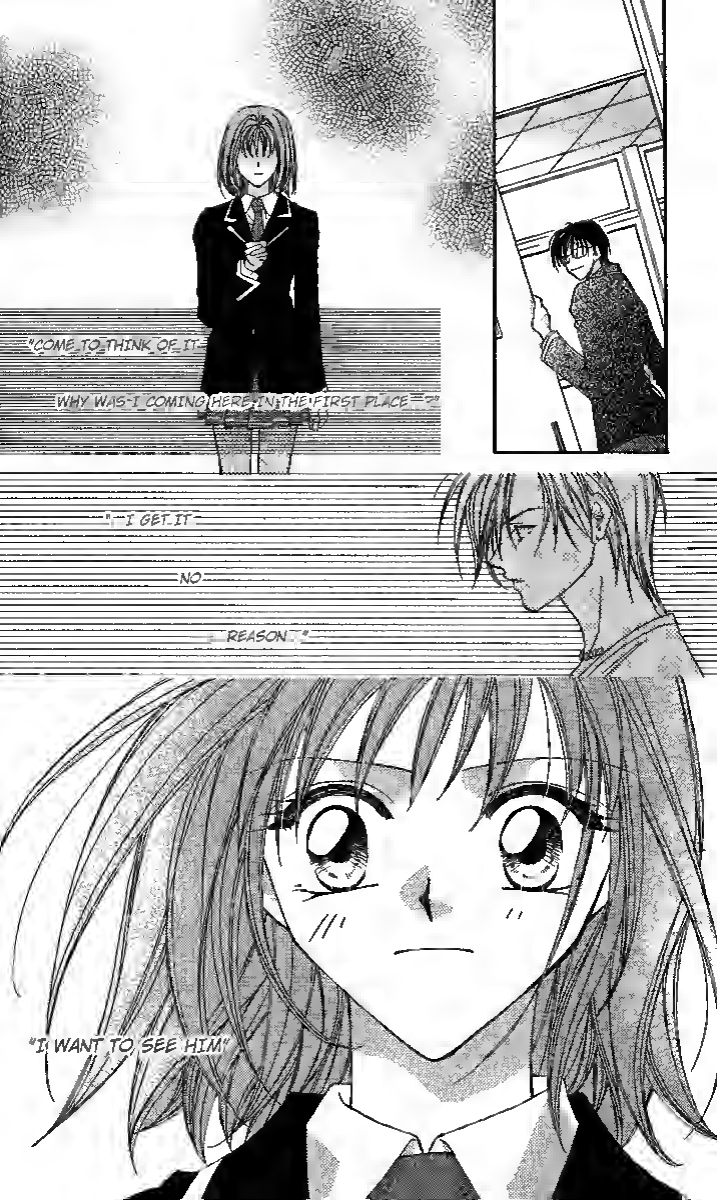
UM...
IS... AKI...
HM?
WELL, YEAH..
CHUCKLE
HE'S DOING FINE.
OH
OKAY...
BUT HE'S BEEN IN A RAGE LATELY
I THINK HE'S FRUS-TRATED.
GOOD
HUH...?

GASP
WHA..
DO YOU WANT TO SEE HIM?
REALLY..
N-No... It's... n-not like that...
CHUCKLE
YOU'RE HONEST.

——...
SENPAI...?
CHUCKLE
WELL... I GUESS IT'S OKAY...
AS LONG AS YOU TWO ARE HAPPY...
SHIFT
UM...
I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS, SAYA-CHAN.


SEN-PAI...!?
NEVER MIND IT, JUST GO SEE HIM.
BUT... I DON'T HAVE A REASON TO...
HERE
A PASS

ISN'T 'WANTING TO SEE HIM' ENOUGH OF A REASON?


"COME TO THINK OF IT"
WHY WAS I COMING HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE=?"
"!—I GET IT"
NO
REASON."
"I WANT TO SEE HIM"

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M-3
I WANT TO SEE AKI...
...
STILL IN A BAD MOOD, HUH, AKI.
CRASH
SHIT...!!
RUSTLE

I GUESS TODAY'LL BE THE END OF IT
I GAVE SAYA-CHAN A PASS TODAY.
SHUT UP!
SHE'LL PROBABLY COME SEE YOU
YOU SHOULD STOP CARING SO MUCH ABOUT WHO'S A CUSTOMER AND WHO'S...
AI...
WHY'RE YOU TRYING TO PULL STRINGS LIKE THAT?
WHY...? IT'S FOR YOU HAPPINESS, AKI
OF COURSE I'LL BE KIND OF LONELY, BUT IF IT'S FOR YOU AND SAYA-CHAN I'D CELEBRATE...
I DON'T NEED RIVALS CELEBRATING FOR ME!

YOU THINK I DIDN'T NOTICE?
YOU LOVE SAYA, DON'T YOU?

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I OFTEN GET ASKED "WHAT'S THE ORIGIN OF AKI'S FORTUNE-TELLING?" THE ANSWER IS, A FORTUNE TELLING SET I PICKED UP AT A BOOKSTORE (LAUGH)

† Im pathetic like that because I dont come up with my own fortunes

[6] "HOW I FINALLY FOUND USE FOR MY RESOURCES! OR, 'ACTUALLY THIS IS FREETALK FOR CHAPTER 5!' WHAT RESOURCES YOU SAY? THEY ARE POWER STONES (OR MOONSTONES AS USED IN THE STORY) I ACTUALLY COLLECTED QUITE A NUMBER OF 'MAGICAL' GOODS LIKE POWER STONES AND OTHER TRICK MATERIAL FOR THIS MANGA, AND EVEN CAME UP WITH SCENARIOS FOR THEM BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T GET TO USE ANY OF THEM I WISH I COULD'VE WRITTEN MORE ABOUT FORTUNE-TELLING (FARAWAY GAZE) IT MAKES ME A LITTLE SAD I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TRY HARDER.

THERE, A VOLUME'S WORTH OF AUTHOR COMMENTS DONE I'LL TRY MY BEST IN VOLUME 2 AND HERE ENDS VOLUME 1, LEAVING SAYA AND AKI HANGING ON A KISS (LAUGH)

THAT PERSON WHO YOU LIKE BUT WILL END WITH JUST A CRUSH...
YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT SAYA, WEREN'T YOU AI?
AKI... THAT'S...
DON'T TRY TO MAKE EXCUSES NOW
YEAH.
I LIKE HER.

BANG
THEN WHY ARE YOU GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY!?
BOTH SAYA-CHAN ..
AND YOU.
I'M NOT.
IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME KIND OF 'LIKE' AS YOU
TO ME, BOTH OF YOU ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT
AND SAYA-CHAN SEEMS TO LIKE YOU.
YOU LIKE HER TOO, DON'T YOU AKI?

IF YOU TWO ARE GOING TO BE HAPPY TOGETHER,
I'M PERFECTLY FINE.
S, T, E, P,
IKI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SAYA-CHAN'S COMING SOON.
I DON'T FEEL LIKE SEEING HER AFTER THIS CONVERSATION

AKI.
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT'LL HURT SAYA-CHAN.
HUH?
AKI'S CLOSED HIS SHOP TODAY!?

SHI-DO-SAN...
HAVE YOU COME TO SEE AKI?
YES, JUST A MINUTE AGO.
AKI-SAN ISN'T IN.
I SEE...
IF IT ISN'T SAYA-SAN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO STIFF.
I CAN'T TELL SOMEONE WITH A PASS TO GO HOME.
I GUESS THAT MEANS AKI'S FORTUNES REALLY DO COME TRUE.
BUT... TO GO AS FAR TO USE A PASS TO GET IN ..

FOR-TUNE..?
OH!
DID SHE FORGET?
OH YEAH, I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AKI'S FATED LOVER_
I NEVER BELIEVED IN 'FATE'...
SO I NEVER GAVE IT A GOOD THOUGHT...
BUT...
IF THERE REALLY IS SOME KIND OF 'FATE' BETWEEN AKI AND I..

A 'FATE' THAT WOULD MAKE US LOVERS ..
CHUCKLE
I THOUGHT THIS ONE WAS GOING TO BE A DUD.
ESPECIALLY FEELINGS BETWEEN YOU TWO, WHO'VE NEVER MET.
?!
WH-WHAT IS IT!?
NO, I WAS JUST MUSING HOW EVERY ONE OF AKI'S FORTUNES SEEM TO COME TRUE.

FEELINGS...?
HM?
OH.. NOTHING..
HUH...?
COME TO_THINK OF IT..
OWNER.
AKI MET ME AFTER HE MADE THAT FORTUNE, RIGHT?
WELL THEN, SEE YOU AROUND, SAYA-SAN.
OH, YOU TOO!
!

BUT THAT'S ONLY THE RESULT OF A FORTUNE.
ALL THIS TIME HE'S TOLD ME THAT I'M HIS 'FATED LOVER'..
A FORTUNE THAT HE "HAS TO MAKE COME TRUE"
!!
MAYBE I'VE...
BEEN FORGETTING SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT...
DASH
AKI

WHAT DO YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT ME...?
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY...
IT WAS ROOM 303.
DING DONGG
303
WAIT A MINUTE.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY...!?
CLICK
YES?

SAYA-CHAN?
.....
OH, IT'S NOTHING!
SORRY! I'LL COME BACK ANOTHER TIME!
SO DON'T COME OUT!!
303
I SHOULD HAVE LEFT A MESSAGE AT RECEPTION,
BUT THINGS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE HECTIC...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
I'M SORRY, SAYA-CHAN
AKI CLOSED HIS SHOP, EVEN THOUGH I INVITED YOU OVER.

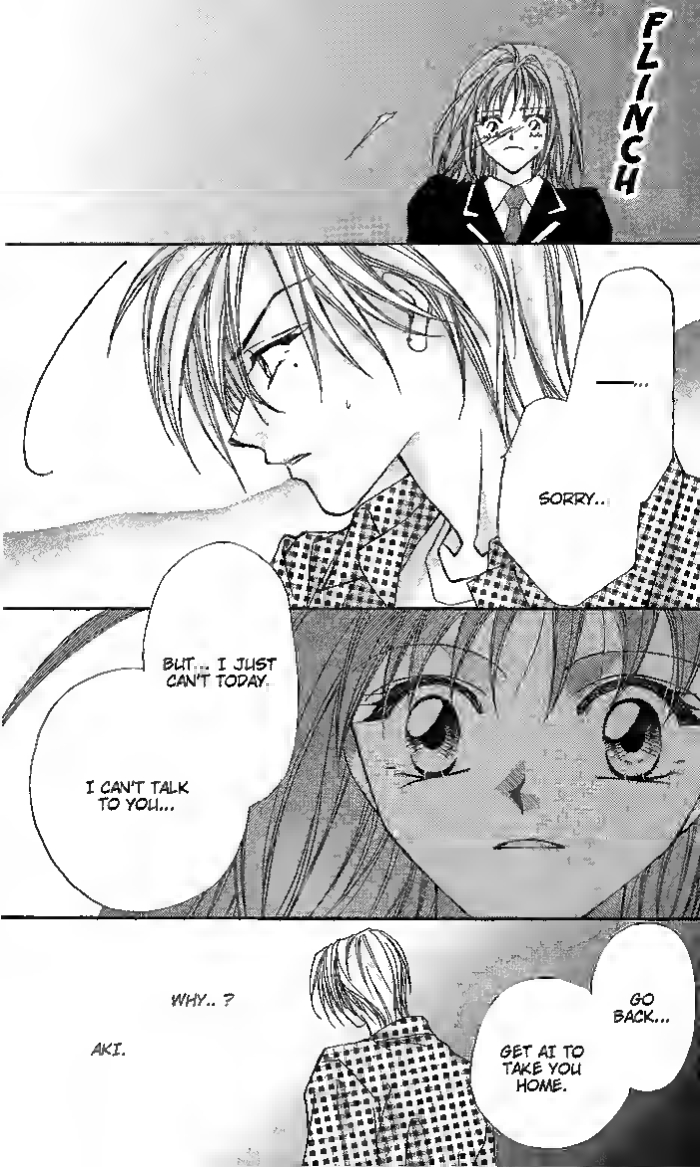
BUT THE THING IS, I DON'T KNOW WHERE AKI IS EITHER.
SORRY YOU HAD TO TAKE THE TROUBLE TO COME.
CLATTER
OH NO, IT'S FINE!
MM....
IT'S NOTHING MUCH.
PIT PAT
PIT PAT
PIT PAT
I'LL BE ON MY WAY, THEN!
.....
DO YOU WANT TO TRY WAITING FOR HIM?
Aki is cheap, so he won't have any where to go out.
IF YOU WAIT LONG ENOUGH, HE'LL BE BACK.
PLEASE BE THERE FOR HIM.
HUH..

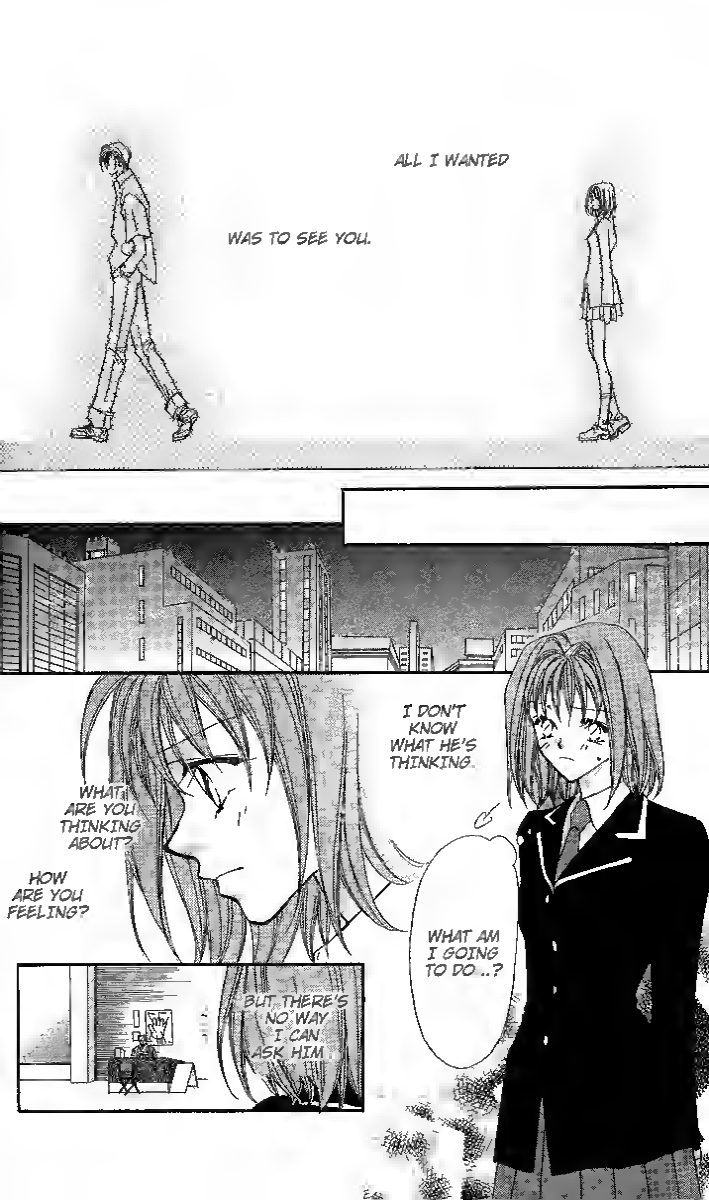
AKI...
THEN...
JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D SAY ONCE I SEE HIM, BUT...
I STILL WANT TO.
TICK
TICK
TICK

CLICK
HUH..
I'M FINE ALONE.
BYE THEN
SEN-PAI..
I THINK I SHOULD LEAVE.
AH.. OKAY SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT ALL THIS TIME.
I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.
AKI...!
SAYA..?
WHY ARE YOU HERE..?

GO AFTER HIM, SAYA-CHAN.
BUT..
IT'S OKAY, JUST GO.
WAIT... AKI!?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING!? DIDN'T YOU JUST COME HOME!?
PIT PAT
ALRIGHT... THEN..
EXCUSE ME!!

WAIT...!
YOU JUST GOT HOME, WHY ARE YOU LEAV-ING...?
IT'S NOTHING STAY WITH AI, SAYA.
AKI!!
AI... YOU MEAN...
DID HE MIS-UNDERSTAND WHEN HE SAW US TOGETHER?
AKI! I WASN'T THERE TO SEE AI-SENPAI!
SO EVEN IF I GO BACK BY MYSELF...
NO!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!


FLINCH
——...
SORRY..
BUT... I JUST CAN'T TODAY.
I CAN'T TALK TO YOU...
WHY.. ?
AKI.
GO BACK...
GET AI TO TAKE YOU HOME.


ALL I WANTED
WAS TO SEE YOU.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO..?
BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ASK HIM.

FOR-TUNES..
占
STEP
THEN MAYBE I'LL UNDER-STAND..
YOUR FORTUNE, MISS?
I KNOW..
I'LL GET A FORTUNE ..
UM... I...
WANT TO KNOW HOW A CERTAIN PERSON IS FEELING ..
REALLY? DON'T WORRY, WE'LL FIND OUT
BUT IT'S TOO NOISY HERE, LET'S FIND SOMEPLACE QUIETER.
CREAK
THERE'S A SHOP I GO TO OFTEN DOWN THE STREET.
HUH...?

YANK
W-WAIT...
COME ON!
LET GO OF HER, GEEZER.
TSK!
COME HERE, SAYA!
GRAB
CUT THE CRAP.
AKI...WHY...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHY

DID YOU COME BACK FOR ME!?
STOP
AKI...
WHY DID YOU...
!
YOU IDIOT!
DON'T GO NEAR ANY FORTUNE-TELLER WHO WANTS TO YOU TAKE YOU PLACES!!
KING66

WHAT BUSINESS DID YOU HAVE WITH THAT SHIFTY BASTARD ANYWAY!?
HERE I WAS WORRYING ABOUT CASTING YOU OUT IN THE STREETS AT NIGHT,
AND I FIND YOU ABOUT TO GET CARRIED OFF!!
I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!
NEVER MIND!!
I..
CLENCH
YOU DON'T...
HAVE TO GET SO ANGRY ABOUT IT...!

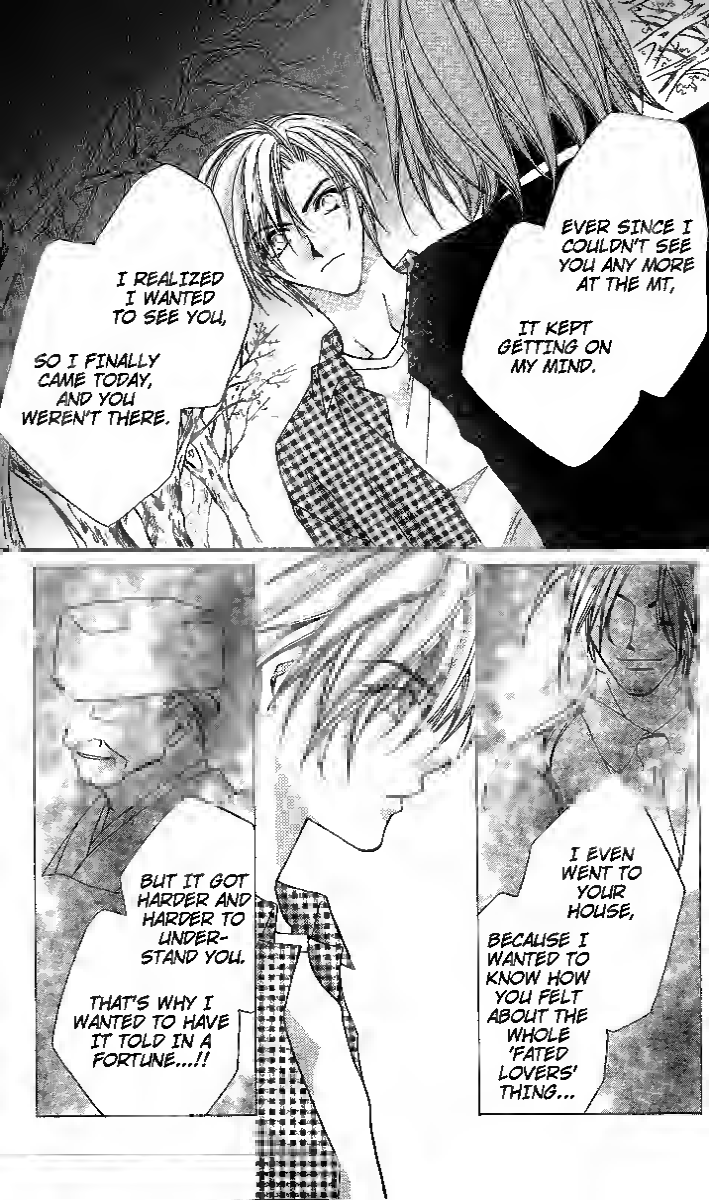
SHIDO ISAMU
MAGIC TOWER OWNER
BORN OCTOBER 31
AGE: 30
BLOOD TYPE: B

OWNER. WHAT A NICE RING TO IT... I LIKE HIS POSITION. I ALSO LIKE NAMES WITH THE KANJI 'DO' USED IN IT. (I LIKE LONG HAIR TOO. MAYBE SHIDO IS A REFLECTION OF MY TASTES?) <- I DIDN'T MEAN IT TO BE. THOUGH.

THIS OWNER SHIDO IS ACTUALLY THE SECOND GENERATION. HE'S A BUSINESSMAN. VERY HIGH UP THERE. BUT EVEN THROUGH HIS BUSY SCHEDULE, HE STILL HAS TIME TO ROAM AROUND THE MAGIC TOWER. (LAUGH) HE'S PROBABLY VERY CONCERNED. I MEANT FOR HIM TO BE A VERY MINOR CHARACTER (STILL IS). I HAVEN'T DONE A DETAILED CHARACTER SKETCH, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW HIM WELL EITHER...

-RESPONSES TO LETTERS-
NONE. DO PEOPLE LIKE HIM NOT GET ANY ATTENTION ?

I WANTED TO KNOW...
HOW YOU FELT...!


I REALIZED I WANTED TO SEE YOU,
SO I FINALLY CAME TODAY, AND YOU WEREN'T THERE.
EVER SINCE I COULDN'T SEE YOU ANY MORE AT THE MT,
IT KEPT GETTING ON MY MIND.
BUT IT GOT HARDER AND HARDER TO UNDER-STAND YOU.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO HAVE IT TOLD IN A FORTUNE...!!
I EVEN WENT TO YOUR HOUSE,
BECAUSE I WANTED TO KNOW HOW YOU FELT ABOUT THE WHOLE 'FATED LOVERS' THING...

I WANT TO SEE HIM...
SEE HIM SO BADLY...
I FEEL SO INSECURE WHEN I DON'T KNOW HOW AKI FEELS
I'M AFRAID TO GO UP AND ASK HIM.
BUT I STILL WANTED TO SEE HIM...
!!!
BUT THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW.

I DON'T..
EVEN KNOW HOW I FEEL ANYMORE..
...

A..
WHA..

KI...?

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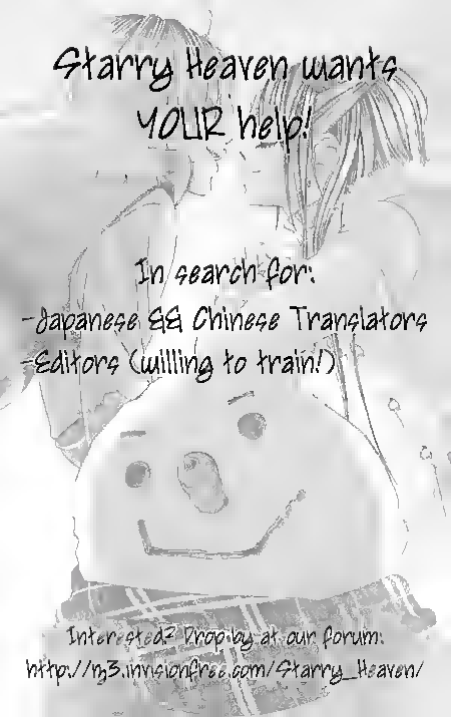
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